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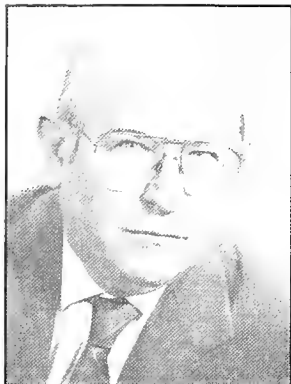
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January -- the Month of Accountability



by Charles W. Turner

Here we are in January. That means I have to change a lot of my old habits. For example, I need to remember that this is **not** 1988 when I date my checks and letters. However, this adjustment is quite easy compared to some of our other problems.

The Christmas tree has been consigned to the trash or disassembled and put back into the box. (That depends on whether we used the "old" one or bought a "fresh" one.) The stockings which hung on the mantle have been packed away. In many cases, the batteries have been replaced several times in the new electronic gadgets. The Christmas cards have been checked for changed addresses and we can say "goodbye" to Christmas 1988. Only one thing remains from the Christmas holidays -- paying for it!

One of my credit card issuers has been nice again this year and suggested that I forget the month of January and not make a monthly payment. If my mailbox gives any indication, there are a lot of unpaid bills this year out in the Christian community.

I have noticed a surge of offering appeals this year. A friend told me that he was out of town for a month and had 45 offering appeals in his mailbox when he returned! Another friend from California was gone for five days and he had 41 pleas for cash waiting upon his arrival home.

The money seems to be running out for Christian

organizations. When I came back from National Conference, I added up the expense over income for our National organizations and found out that in 1987 we spent about a half-million dollars more than we received. No figures are available for 1988 as yet, but I do not think the results for this past year will be any better, but may be even worse.

The interest on church, federal and corporate debt is growing and we are borrowing against tomorrow!

The post-Christmas pay-up time and the post-conservative binge may have been a little more expensive than we all thought. The data is showing that we as Brethren peaked out in 1981. In almost every area of consideration that was our "peak" year. We did not notice the change, because the following few years were level before the downturn began. We are now about seven years into this new period. Local churches are having their difficulties keeping up with financial responsibilities and this has flowed into the National structure. Membership is declining in our fellowship even as expenses continue to climb due to increased overhead costs and additional staffing. While

membership has declined, adding staff members on a local level has been an area of rapid expansion in many churches.

Debt has become fashionable in the secular world with takeovers followed by borrowing heavily against the assets. The Federal Government is going into debt so rapidly that the numbers are not even comprehensible to us any more. The interest on church, federal and corporate debt is growing and we are all borrowing against tomorrow.

As a fellowship we will soon have to attain some semblance of order by bringing expenses in line with income. Letter appeals are ending up in the trash and are being largely ignored as persons cannot even begin to keep up with what is happening.

We have found a way to put new programs into effect, but it appears that we have not found a way to pay for them. Oh, for another study committee to bring us a good solution! Perhaps we can save the time and the trouble by suggesting we try to live within our means. It will be new and refreshing and it might result in having a little more time to get back to the work God has called us to do. It may ruin some of **our** plans, but it just might help with some of **God's** plans. That would be good, too.

So January is a reminder to us: When you spend, you must pay -- with interest. The story has a good many applications. ■

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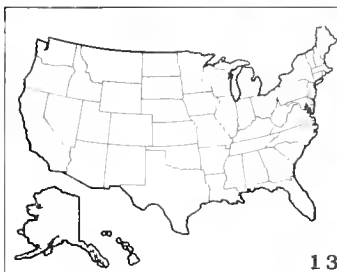
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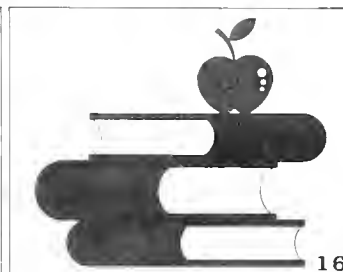
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Rittman, Ohio Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The Grace Brethren Church of Rittman, Ohio celebrated their 75th Anniversary on November 20th. A good day of celebration took place with the return of former pastors and missionaries who joined the congregation for the happy occasion.

Charles Ashman preached in the Sunday worship service. The other former pastors who were in attendance for the celebration were Art Carey, Robert Russell and Charles Turner.

Missionary personnel from the church included the Howard Immel family, William Walker family and



Dr. William Walker and Pastor Charles Ashman



Pastor Bud Olszewski

Paul Dowdys who added their notes of praise to the congregation for their continued growth.

The congregation celebrated at a noon dinner, which featured a slide presentation highlighting different eras of the church's history. The walls of the fellowship hall were filled with pictures showing important events in the life of the church.

A male quartet from the "sixties" and the teen choir of the same era brought back a lot of memories.

Pastor Bud Olszewski and his staff did a good job of making the day a pleasant one for all of the returning members. ■

National Conference Schedule

The 1989 National Conference will be held at Winona Lake, IN on July 29--August 4. John Davis will be the moderator for the sessions. The opening night musical presented by the Brethren Missionary Herald will be Saturday, July 29th with Steve and Maria Gardner as the featured musicians.

The 1990 Conference will shift to Virginia and will be held August 4-11. More details of this conference will be presented soon. The location of the 1991 Conference is still in question.

Help Wanted

Volunteers willing to sell all they own and give proceeds to the poor, quit their job for full-time assignments, and leave home to work in other countries. Must be willing to postpone rewards until later. Possible loss of friendships and popularity. For more information see Matthew 19:21.

Don't expect many applicants

Jesus' invitation to those he met, while loving and kind, was never easy to accept. But today we hear a different gospel—one that emphasizes salvation with no strings attached.

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

News Update

Russell Ward, pastor of the Basore Road Grace Brethren Church of Dayton, OH, had emergency triple by-pass surgery on October 13. He is recuperating nicely and is now back in the "harness." His assistant Brian White, "carried on" in the absence of Pastor Ward.

Grafton, WV. Pastor Nass reports that Mike-N-Terica Williams served the First Grace Brethren Church with preaching and singing for four days. Many public decisions were expressed.

Ed Weber, a member of the Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church (Vernon Harris, pastor), Lancaster, PA, is employed full-time as manager of two local gas stations, but he also conducts his Christian financial counseling under the auspices of the Southern Lancaster church. He is a trained and certified Christian financial counselor by the national headquarters of Christian Financial Concepts located in Gainesville, GA, an organization with an unusual mission: to help people through financial difficulties by using the Bible.

Mr. Weber teaches two money management courses and offers free consultation to anyone who seeks his advice. The first course is "How to Manage Your Money," and the second -- a 10-hour budget workshop -- gives the students the chance to apply biblical principles to setting up annual budgets. Mr. Weber said that money is the second most referred to subject in the Bible (love is first), and that mismanagement of money is the cause of many marriage break-ups. When couples approach him for counsel, he asks them to bring with them to their appointment, a calculator, a couple of sharp pencils, their paycheck stubs, credit cards, a

pair of scissors, and a Bible. Mr. Weber discourages the use of credit cards for: "It's too easy to pull out that plastic card and just allow purchases to accumulate . . . you unconsciously drift into an extremely heavy debt load. It somehow sneaks up on you."

"Money is not evil, it's the love of money, where it controls you rather than you control it."

Lester Pifer, has resigned as pastor of the Bradenton, FL, Grace Brethren Church. He will continue his duties there until a full-time man arrives on the field.

MARRIAGES

CAPLINGER: Tammy Walker and Jon Caplinger, were married on October 29, 1988, in the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

FETTERHOFF: Amy Livermore and Richard Fetterhoff, were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Alto, MI, on October 8, 1988. Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, father of the groom, and Rev. Ed Jackson shared in performing the ceremony.

KNOPP: Rose Hicks and John Knopp, were married on September 17, 1988, at the Grace Brethren Church of Temple Hills, MD. Pastor Ronald Satta performed the ceremony. James Dixon, pastor.

SHURR: Clare Chestnut and Neil Shurr, were married on November 26, 1988 at the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

WILLIS: Donna Salzman and Charles Willis, were united in marriage on September 10, 1988, at the Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, MD. Rev. Ronald Satta performed the ceremony. James Dixon, pastor.

WOODALL: Joyce Thomas and Ronald Woodall, were united in marriage in the Calvary Grace Brethren

Church, Kettering, OH, September 10, 1988. Dan Grabill, pastor.

YORGEY: Linda Porter and Joel Yorgey, were married on June 18, 1988, in the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

DEATHS

BENTON, Charles E., 78, November 20, 1988. He was a member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church. John Gregory, pastor.

HERR, Vivian, 91, December 4, 1988. She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church of Dallas Center, IA. Stephen Burns, pastor.

MILLER, Emory, 97, November 14, 1988. He was a charter member, elder and faithful attendee of the Grace Brethren Church of Altoona, PA. He was the father of Mary Lois Miller, a former missionary, and had been selected as "Layman of the Year" at national conference. James Barnes, pastor.

STARR, Gladys, November 21, 1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Homer-ville, OH. Robert Holmes, pastor.

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Help Wanted

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Write to: Chuck and Paulette Sauders at R.R. 9, Box 473, Warsaw, IN 46580.

The Neglected Ministry

by Harold Vaughan

The title above probably brings to mind a host of unfilled ministries. But the neglected ministry to which I am referring is not the bus ministry, or the jail ministry, or the TV. ministry, or the Sunday School ministry. I am not referring to counseling or any other "horizontal" stewardship. The neglected ministry to which I am referring is not a ministry toward people, but a ministry to God Himself.

Years ago *Newsweek* magazine carried an article titled "Can Modern Man Pray?" The conclusion of the article answered this query with resounding "No!" The fact is, contemporary man has tremendous difficulty worshiping God with meditation and prayer. One poll revealed that the average minister spends less than three minutes a day in prayer. A preacher decided to survey his colleagues who had fallen into immorality. He theorized that the main problem was a bad relationship with their wives. But to his amazement, they all said their relationship with their wives was fine; they had neglected their relationship with God! Of the thousands who will quit preaching vocationally this year, perhaps the most common underlying factor is a neglect of this "vertical" ministry.

Blessing the Lord is predominant throughout all of Scripture. In Old Testament times the Levites were ordained exclusively to minister continually to the Lord through music, prayer, and the offering of sacrifices. "The LORD separated the tribe of Levi . . . to stand before the LORD to **minister** unto him, and to bless in his name" (Deut. 10:8). But this is also a legitimate ministry under the New Covenant. Acts 13:2 tells us the Holy Spirit gave direction for the first missionary journey "as they ministered to the Lord." Even Daniel, in his vision of the exalted Son of Man, noted that "thousands ministered unto him" (Dan. 7:10).

Glorifying and loving God is the chief duty of man. To give God the glory due His name is to put Him above all else and acknowledge Him for who He is -- the Lord. Anything less is perverted devotion. Here are three areas in which proper priorities must be judiciously maintained.

Worship Before Work

A private jet was soaring on automatic pilot through the air at 500 miles per hour as a family inside enjoyed one another's company. Suddenly and tragically, something went wrong with the pressurization in the cabin causing the occupants to faint. Minutes later they died of suffocation. From the outside all looked well, for the plane continued to fly on auto-pilot. But inside, there was death.

Ultimately the plane ran out of fuel and plummeted into the ocean. How often is Christian activity carried on in the auto-pilot mode, while inwardly there is death? Barren busyness is the inevitable consequence of activity without prayer and worship.

Jesus' friends Mary and Martha provide the illustrative contrast between the **immediate** and the **essential**. In Luke 10 Martha was deeply entrenched in activity. She complained to Jesus, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone?" Meanwhile, Mary "sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word." Being "cumbered about much serving," Martha said to Jesus, "Bid her therefore that she help me." Our Lord responded, "Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Martha was not rebuked for her serving, but for her lack of emphasis on "the better part." Consequently, she was troubled about many things. Irritability, worry, and anxiety are all symptoms of a spiritually dry soul. Once worship is slighted, our whole perspective is jolted out of order. Peace and inner calm are soon replaced by a troubled heart.

From the book *Springs in the Valley* comes this interesting tale of the African colonial history:

In the deep jungles of Africa, a traveler was making a long trek. Coolies had been engaged from a tribe to carry the loads. The first day they marched rapidly and went far. The traveler had high hopes of a speedy journey. But the second morning these jungle tribesmen refused to move. For some strange reason they just sat and rested. On inquiry as to the reason for this strange behavior, the traveler was informed that they had gone too fast the first day and that they were now waiting for their souls to catch up with their bodies.

Then the author concludes with this penetrating exhortation:

This whirling, rushing life which so many of us live does for us what that first march did for those poor jungle tribesmen. The difference: they *knew* what they needed to restore life's balance; too often we do not.

We minister to the Lord by placing spiritual realities above material interests. Though we cannot ignore the immediate, it is imperative that the immediate conform to the essential. God is glorified as a proper balance between work and worship is maintained. If we learn anything from Martha and Mary, it is this: **We are not fit to serve Jesus' table until we have sat at Jesus' feet.**

Creator Above Creature

Man's descent to depravity is graphically illustrated in Romans chapter 1 where we read of those who "*worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator*" (v. 25). A dramatic shift in emphasis had taken place. To be sure they maintained a form of worship and did not cease to speak of God. They simply did not glorify God as God. The subtlety of this development is frightening! They were still worshiping and serving, but the focus had lowered from God to themselves. The Word of God was interpreted more to favor the earthly objectives than the divine ends. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie. The change did not take place overnight. Slowly the preeminence of the Creator gave way to the creature, which in turn invoked the judgment of God.

In a display of His wrath, God punished man by allowing him to go his own sinful way. First we read, "*Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves*" (v. 24). Failing to love and glorify God supremely, they became obsessed with their own SELVES. Since they insisted on their own way, God severed the built-in restraint of conscience and allowed them to indulge freely in evil lusts of their hearts. Rampant sensuality is an earmark of a decadent society that no longer fears God. Commonly referred to as "affair," adultery is a factor in over fifty percent of marriages. According to CBS News, over half of the high school seniors in America will be "sexually active" before graduation. One out of seven teenagers will contract a sexually transmitted disease. In fact, over 20 million Americans have incurable herpes, and the number of cases is increasing at the rate of one-half million per year.

Secondly, "*God gave them up unto vile affections,*" or homosexuality. Men with men, women with women, burning in their lust toward one another. That horrible state of depravity was the end of a process that involved a great shift in emphasis and teaching. It is surely a sad day when over 20,000 sodomites gather in Washington, D.C. to flaunt their perversion. It is even sadder that a denomination would tolerate such perversion among their clergy! The Department of Health and Human Services received a grant of our tax money "to promote low-risk sexual and drugtaking behavioral practices among gay and bisexual men which decrease their chances for acquiring AIDS." It is beyond dispute that "God has given us over" when homosexuals comprise over ten percent of the population.

The third deliverance in Romans chapter 1 was when "*God gave them over to a reprobate mind*" (v. 28) so they could sin with abandon. God let them have their own way, and their reckless lifestyles would eventually destroy them. Clearly, our culture is in the throes of the third deliverance. In light of

Romans 1, the greatest threat to America is not communism, humanism, liberalism, or secularism -- our greatest threat is God Himself!

You say, "I don't condone all the trash in contemporary society." But we dare not pull self-righteous robes over our faces. Are you glorifying God as God? Are your "creature comforts" subject to His will? Do we accommodate Bible teaching to current cultural demands? In Christian literature, is the basic interest a knowledge of God or a knowledge of man? Are we more interested in divine attributes and holiness of life -- or human moods, methods, and means? When we deal with divorce, abortion, and desertion -- is the greater importance placed on creature suffering -- or on sin against the Creator? If the practice of glorifying God is not a major concern and a solemn delight to us, we need to recall the danger signals: "*they glorified him not . . . their foolish heart was darkened*" (Rom. 1:21).

We minister to the Lord as we remain God-centered in all areas of life. Sin among Christians, just as among the lost, is due to self-centeredness. The only means to purge the church is a return to genuine worship.

Character Above Convenience

The Psalmist said "*He who walks in a blameless way is the one who will minister to me*" (Ps. 101:6, NASB). The degree of our integrity determines our quality of worship. In other words, our person is more important than our performance. God is looking for hearts perfect toward Him and a corresponding measure of character on the level of living. Over and over God makes positive mention of the "righteous" man.

Expediency and conveniences can cause us to compromise and fail to honor God. A keen sense of justice and honesty, on the other hand, glorifies God. Recently, a lawyer commented on the difficulty he was having with several churches who would not pay their bills. In spite of multiple letters and repeated phone calls, not a word of explanation or response came from the pastors. How many who work for Christian organizations are paid insufficient salaries to provide for their families? It disgraces God when staff members of local churches receive assistance from the government for housing and other essentials. It's time we stopped spiritualizing our lack of responsibility and fairness and repented! Scripture says that those who don't care for their own are worse than infidels.

A successful pastor was called to be on staff at a large church in California. In good faith he left his thriving pastorate, along with his wife and four children, and moved to the west coast from Michigan. Three weeks after settling in, the new staff member still had not received a paycheck. Reluctantly, he questioned the pastor about this, only to be informed that his job was not a paid position! Unfortunately, episodes of this sort are becoming

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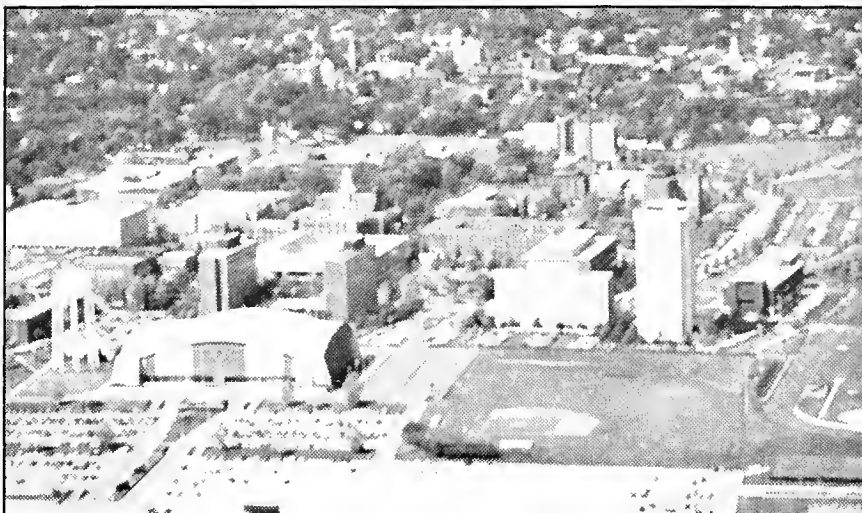
For years we've desired a resource to teach the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith. Here it is!

A discipleship course teaching Grace Brethren foundational beliefs is now available through GBC Christian Education. Called *Biblical Beliefs*, the two book series provides a fill-in-the-blank study of the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith.

Biblical Beliefs, Book 1, focuses on the first six beliefs in the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith: the Bible, the One True God, Man, Jesus Christ, salvation, and the Holy Spirit. *Book 2*, continues this doctrinal study with topics on the Church, Christian living, ordinances, Satan, Christ's second coming, and future life. The second book also offers a chapter in Grace Brethren history and a comprehensive review test of both books.

The Grace Brethren study involved 18 writers and editors and included such theologians and FGBC leaders as Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., Pastor Luke Kauffman, and Rev. Tom Julien. It can be used for small group Bible studies, one-on-one discipleship, personal study, or for a Sunday school elective class. Each book costs \$3.50. A leader's guide and youth edition are available for *Book 1*. The leader's

1989 BNYC At Eastern Kentucky University



The third largest university in the state of Kentucky will be the location of the 1989 Brethren National Youth Conference, held August 5-11. Located in historic Richmond, Kentucky, the university has a 350 acre campus and 13,000 student body. Youth Conference attenders will enjoy air-conditioned dorms and meeting rooms, dozens of outdoor tennis courts, indoor and outdoor Olympic-sized swimming pools, 27 acres of athletic fields and courts, three gymnasiums, and an 18-hole

championship golf course.

Centrally located for many Grace Brethren churches, Richmond is 25 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky. Not only is the location ideal for National Youth Conference, but attenders will be spiritually challenged and stretched through the theme, "Set the Pace." The conference will initiate the "Year of Youth Outreach" and will provide practical steps for helping each attender to be effective in personal evangelism. Begin to pray for the impact of this conference.

guide for *Book 2* and a youth edition will be released in the spring. Orders may be placed by contacting GBC

Christian Education, P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590 (Phone: 219-267-6622).

CE Targets Unchurched Youth

We're entering the '90's by planning the "Year of Youth Outreach"!

Youth workers from across the U.S. have called today's youth the first "post Christian generation." "This is the first generation" says Ed Lewis, Executive Director for GBC Christian Education, "raised in a predominantly humanistic school system and taught morality through television programming. The majority of their parents have left the church and so almost half of this generation have never even been inside of a church."

Statistics affirm that 45 percent of today's youth are completely unchurched. It has also been confirmed that 80 percent of the people who receive Christ in the United States do so before age 18. Older age groups become less receptive to the Gospel and a change of life.

The growing concern that Grace Brethren churches must aggressively reach America's youth has prompted GBC Christian Education to launch the "Year of Youth Outreach" at the 1989 Brethren National Youth Conference. Slated for the 1989-90 BNYC, the conference will challenge each attender to lead one person to Christ in the following year and help them grow spiritually.

"This is the biggest challenge we have ever made at Youth Conference," says Lewis. "We want each person

who attends BNYC to be responsible for leading one person to Christ and seeing them come into the church within that conference year. With 2,000 youth and adults attending BNYC, this could mean 2,000 new Christians added to our churches."

In a recent survey of GBC youth workers, the majority expressed their greatest need as "evangelizing youth." The national youth conference will provide practical help and motivation for sharing Christ as well as training for the follow up of new converts.

During the month of February, Grace Brethren pastors and youth workers will receive information on the "Year of Youth Outreach." A complete strategy for preparation and follow-up has been developed by CE's National Youth Cabinet, a representative group of Grace Brethren youth pastors. The first step is to enlist 2,000 prayer partners to pray daily for the week of National Youth Conference and the attenders who will return home with a plan to lead at least one person to Christ. Anyone desiring to be a prayer partner for the "Year of Youth Outreach" should write for more information: GBC Christian Education, P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

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Steve Peters, Union, OH

"They have been to me a breath of fresh air among the multitudes of gospel ministers that have grown spiritually stale. I have used them in a wide variety of ministries."

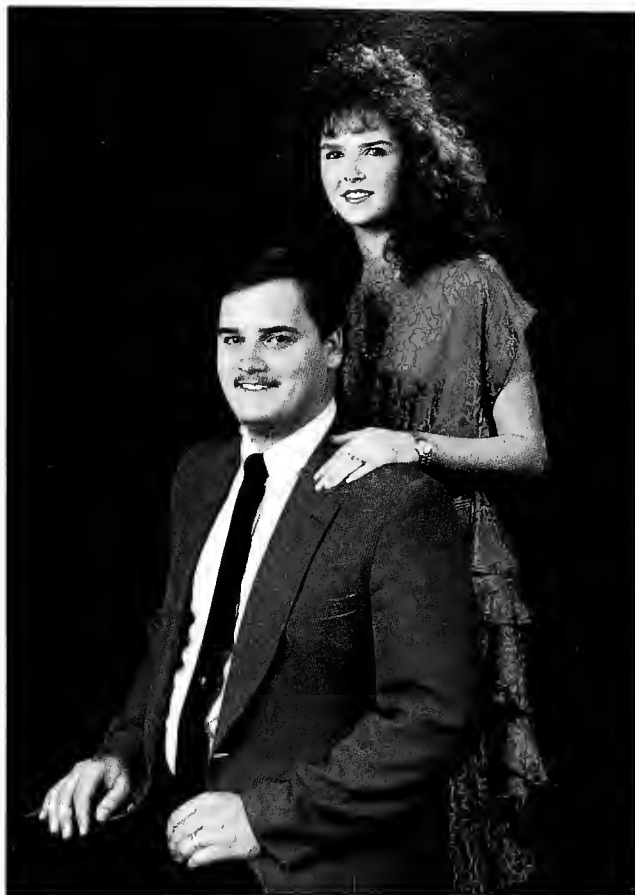
Jack Peters, Vandalia, OH

"I would like to add my recommendation to the many others who have endorsed their ministry. We hope to have them back."

Steve Shipley, Buena Vista, VA

"Mike-N-Terica came not to put on a show, but to minister and minister they did! The preaching is dynamic, humorous and honest, possibly the most unique approach I have ever seen--tremendous results."

David Drake, Elfers, FL



"It was our privilege to have Mike Williams at our church as evangelist. We thank the Lord for those who accepted Christ under their ministry."

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"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful, or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

"Behold, I am coming soon!"

Rev. 21:1, 27; 22:7a NIV

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

John 10:27, 28 NIV

Lord, is the Book of Life a golden plaque
on which my name is handsomely written?
or a scroll or book, the details I lack,
but I'm certain my name's not forgotten.

How bless'd your promise I'm safe in your hand,
no one can snatch me or take me from you.
So firmly on your gospel I stand.

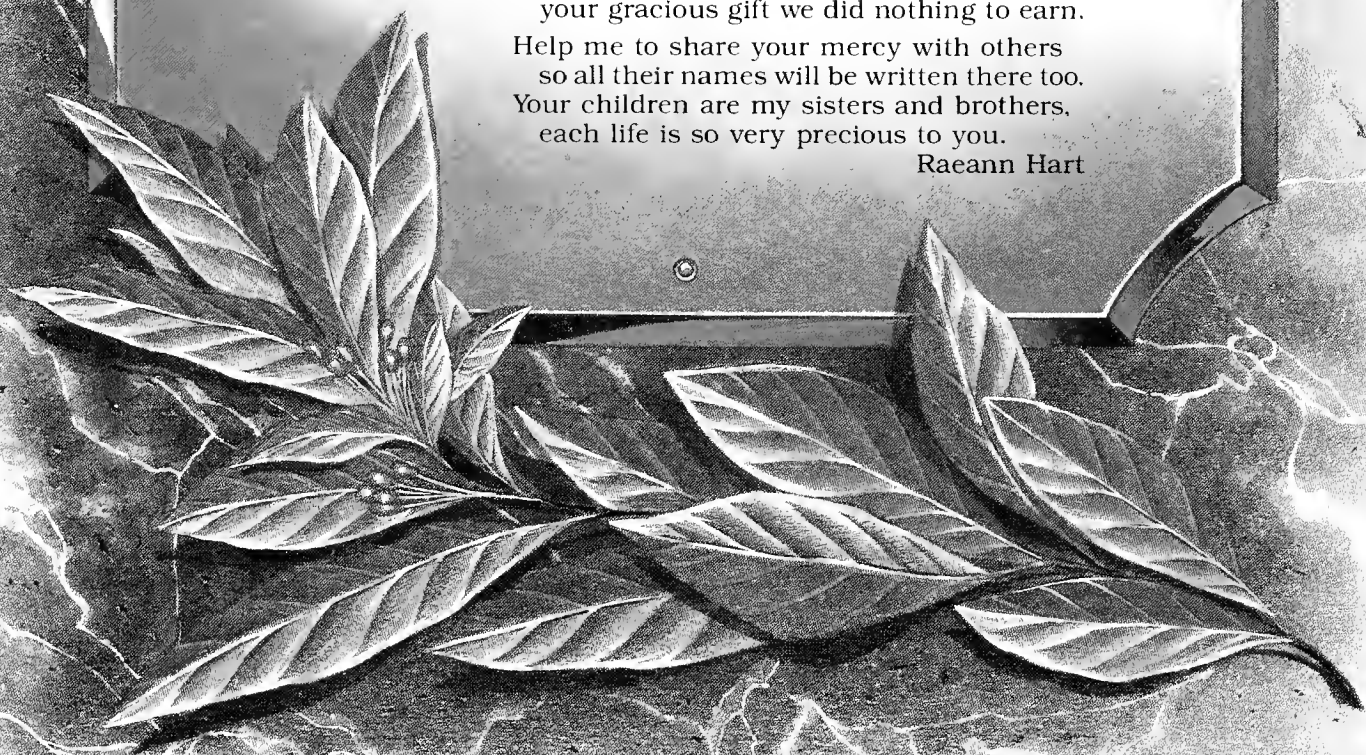
Knowing that each and every word is true.

Oh how I pray that days will quickly flee
while we wait patiently for your return.

Lord, quickly come, take us home to glory --
your gracious gift we did nothing to earn.

Help me to share your mercy with others
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Your children are my sisters and brothers,
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Menno Simons (1496-1561) gave his name to a body of evangelical believers in the Reformation period whose direct descendants are still with us today. The various Mennonite and Baptist denominations, along with some others, currently represent that aspect of Protestantism typified by the distinctively Anabaptist, free, or believing churches.

Menno was not an original founder of this free church. Anabaptist Mennonite movement, because he was converted about ten years after its birth in Zurich, Switzerland. Nevertheless, at the time when the movement was in grave danger of being exterminated elsewhere and totally discredited by the excesses of some in the

Netherlands, he deserves much credit in that, as great service he personally gathered together, reoriented, and reinvigorated the surviving remnant of the Dutch branch of Anabaptism. He provided it with stable, long-term leadership, fulfilling a role and simultaneously the roles of several evangelists, teachers, theologians, and bishop at large. He carefully led the Dutch back to an approximation of the more balanced and moderate teachings of the original Swiss founders of the original Swiss Anabaptism.

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From Catholic School to Grace Brethren Church Friend Shares Christ

Greg Roy and Phil Morin attended a Catholic grade school together. After they parted their educational ways, the two remained close friends.

In 1986, Greg, now an adult, found Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. It changed his life and he knew it would do the same for his friend, Phil.

Greg shared his burden with his fellow church members at the Down East Grace Brethren Church in Brunswick, Maine, a Grace Brethren Home Mission church and they began to pray.

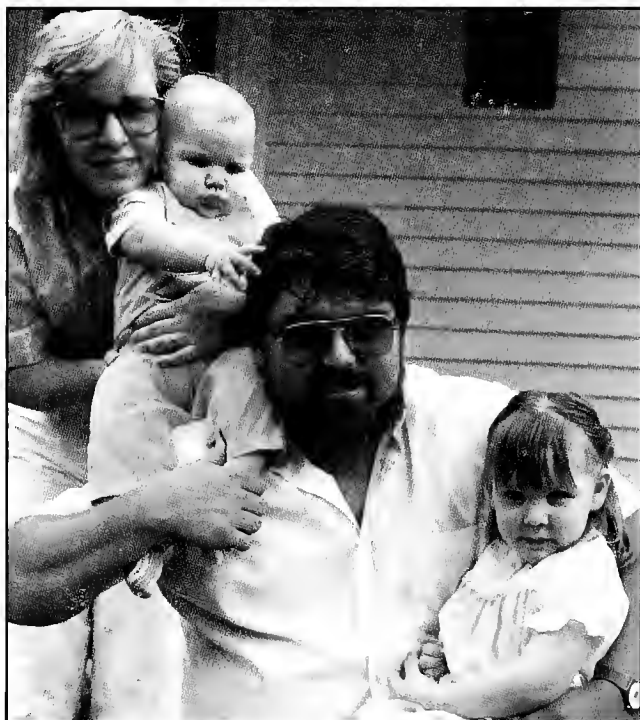
"After months of prayer, the Lord brought Phil and Donna (his wife) to one of our Friday night Bible studies at Greg's house," recalls Pastor Darrel Taylor. "The Morins began to attend services regularly and the Holy Spirit began His work."

At the Down East Grace Brethren Church, the Morins found warm love and friendship. "They had never seen real Christianity," adds the pastor.

"Phil even began to attend Men's Prayer meeting and began to pray for people to 'see the light' when as yet, he had not fully trusted the Lord," notes Pastor Darrel.

One Saturday in mid-October, members of the church were getting ready to pick apples. But before they left, Phil had some questions. An hour later, after a careful presentation of the Gospel by Pastor Darrel and Greg, the 26-year-old, self-employed carpenter prayed to accept Christ.

"It was a time of great rejoicing," says the pastor. "Donna has also trusted Christ and the two made a public profession (of faith) in the morning service on October 23."



Phil and Donna Morin with children Ashley and Joshua, found Christ at the Down East Grace Brethren Church.

The couple currently is involved in a weekly Bible study with the pastor.

"Both Phil and Donna have servant's hearts," he says. "They are loving and gentle people." ■

Sharing the Burden In America

by Robert W. Thompson

Fifty years ago, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches was in its infancy. It was apparent to the early founders that if we were to survive the cruel split and grow, a concerted effort in church planting would be necessary. The Grace Brethren Home Missions Council was thus born in an atmosphere of stress and hurt.

It is true that our Fellowship is yet diminutive and has not achieved the stature that we all might like. We in Home Missions tend to flagellate ourselves for this condition, but a review of the statistics reveals that most of our Grace Brethren Churches are a direct result of GBHMC planning and support or received some assistance from the Council. The Fellowship's 'negative growth' cannot be attributed to any failure on the part of the Council, but must be shared by others.

Grace Brethren Churches have never fully accepted building churches in America as a Missionary endeavor.

To fully understand the current dilemma, we must go beyond the financial reports, which at best, can only reveal facts, not causes. A number of factors should be considered.

First, the philosophy of church planting from the very beginning was faulty. It placed the onus of responsibility on a delegated institution rather than on the local church.

Secondly, Grace Brethren people have never fully accepted building churches in America as a missionary endeavor. We have been told that inequitable sums are being spent in America as opposed to meager amounts sent abroad. This repeated refrain has left an indelible impression in the minds of our constituency. It is an erroneous statement which has never been questioned as to its accuracy or its legitimacy.

Someone needs to set the record straight. All available missionary funds, Foreign and Home, come from established churches in America. That is the source; the goose that lays the golden egg! To lump local churches' operating costs into the equation as if they were a part of available mission funds is a mistake. To use such monies for missions is unfair and unwise.

Local church operating funds are like the principal in an investment. What results from those expenditures (investments) is the interest or dividends that

can be re-invested as missionary dollars. If you invade those principal funds to use them for missions, you will soon have no mission program at all, because the diminishing principal will provide no expendable dividends. No financier would think of including principal sums of investment as

available money for distribution. Wise investors strive to increase this principal in order to increase the dividends. This simple financial principle has been totally ignored in the church today.

A third factor, perhaps more significant than all else, is the influence of the 'baby boomers' on the church. These seventy-six million adults born between the years of 1946 and 1966 are as culturally distinct as if transplanted from another continent. Those who have studied this phenomenon have made us aware of the tremendous chasm between the older generation and this post-World War II crowd. Their conclusions help explain why it is getting more difficult to start a new Grace Brethren Church with a group of older Brethren as a core group in an area where the baby boomers are predominant.

For instance, it is exasperating to the older generation (pre-World War II) to observe the lack of loyalty on the part of these younger individuals. To those of us who are older, brand names are important. We tend to be loyal to institutions and brands simply because that's a part of our background.

Not so the baby boomer. Never has there been a generation who has had this many choices available to them. I can, as a member of that 'older group,' remember when the cereal counter in the local grocery store had a limited assortment of products. Today, there are scores of options to titillate the tastebuds of the fickle shopper.



Robert W. Thompson

Their standards of morality are, likewise, shocking to those of us who grew up with the 'doctrine of separation' and its carefully delineated lists of 'dos' and 'don'ts.' Attitudes toward divorce and remarriage is a case in point. A large percentage of these people have been touched by this special malady, so it is little wonder they have a far more tolerant view than the traditional church of a generation ago.

Their expectations are surprisingly high and they tend to suffer great anxiety when things don't measure up. They have witnessed great steps of progress in their lifetime and feel there is no problem which cannot be resolved. They have witnessed the abolition of dread diseases such as small pox and polio and the failure to find a quick cure for AIDS has them at a loss. It's little wonder that these individuals promptly leave a church when their high expectations are crushed in disappointment.

Their casual manner of living and blatant rejection of traditional views of home and dress, though comfortable to them, aggravate their elders. Their nomadic lifestyle is a part of their cultural distinction but it adds stress between them and the older Brethren. They are shocked when they are not accepted into full membership 'as is'! Strange new requirements or restrictions seem unnecessarily burdensome and even ridiculous since their previous church made no such stipulation.

A few local churches, both East and West, seem to have bridged the gap. At least they have built successful ministries with these people as their primary target. A cursory examination of the churches' programs, as well as dialogue with the pastors, indicate they have done so without marring their evangelical posture. They seem to be able to provide an atmosphere of acceptance in which people feel comfortable and accepted. Grace Brethren churches in general have had little success in this area to date, and some thought must be given as to why!

A fourth obstacle in the arena of church development is church polity. The unique structure of our Fellowship with its autonomous churches leaves much to be desired in any attempt to organize concerted expansion. Significant church-planting efforts must begin with a bonded constituency. Yet, the undercurrent of suspicion and distrust that now pervades our denomination has made such unity extremely difficult if not impossible. There is no means by which we can pull ourselves together. We find ourselves caught in the web of perplexity, fighting desperately for autonomy and independence while seeking to exercise the hierarchical authority of a mainline denomination.

A fifth inhibitor to realizing our goal is the diminished pool of dollars from which we draw our resources. There is a limit to what is available through our churches. The more hands that draw

from the well, the less there is to go around. We like to minimize the competitive aspect of raising funds within our Fellowship, but it is a matter of fact. Remember, people in general are far less concerned with brand loyalty than the preceding generation and thus there is no prevailing precedent to prioritize Grace Brethren missions. The FGBC statistical report demonstrates that the pie is being served to more and more customers all the time.

Local expenses likewise continue to skyrocket, bringing a new prioritization to the distribution of funds in the local church. It is taking more and more of the dollars from the pew to keep the machinery running at home. The proliferation of materialism within the congregation, with its enslaving patterns of spending, short circuits many of the Lord's dollars. The devastating inflation that erodes our buying power adds to the ever-tightening financial noose.

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Translated into the goals and objectives of The Grace Brethren Home Missions Council you can readily see we have some formidable foes to conquer. Although we take solace in the word of Scripture, it doesn't immediately resolve our trouble. *"Thanks be unto God who always causeth us to triumph in Christ and maketh manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place."* (II Cor. 2:14)

Let me draw some conclusions:

1) Philosophically, we are on the right track. We must not weaken in the face of the current stress. We must continue on the course even though we are becalmed by the inadequate supply of funds.

2) America is a true mission field and we must not be intimidated by those who say differently. We must define and redefine missions so our constituency understands what it is and recognizes America's true place in it.

3) The baby boomer generation must be recognized and fully incorporated as a part of our mission field. They cannot be ignored. We must educate home mission pastors as to the distinctive characteristics of this generation and its importance in the development of a new church.

4) We must join others in the effort to unify our Fellowship. We can play a major part in such a movement since we have associations and influence with nearly every new pastor joining the FGBC.

Periodic meetings of the various organizational executives are already taking place in Winona Lake, IN, although it is going to take more than this.

5) The assimilation of non-Brethren believers into local churches is going to increase and with it a corresponding tension. Such growth will be a blessing in many ways, but we must be prepared to accept some of the 'baggage' that comes along. We can expect them to bring their own special mission projects, which we will have to accept, even though it further fragments our giving. We can expect the debate over church membership requirements to heat up. These and a host of other equally trying matters will come with this newly recognized segment of our population. The risks are high, but it is our mission field.

6) Church polity is a hazardous subject to handle. I am not recommending we interfere with the present system of independent, local, church government. I am suggesting we seek ways to teach our constituent members, both clergy and laity, what it means to be a voluntary member of an independent fellowship such as the FGBC. Much of the responsibility for such training will fall on our shoulders through orientation and workshop programs. We must seek ways to halt the whimsical and capricious meddling with those doctrinal truths that identify us as Grace Brethren.

All I have said can best be summed up in the term **relevancy**. We live in a new world and a new age and one that brings with it unique challenges to be met in today's marketplace. I speak as one who is not a member of the baby boom generation and many things that I observe violate my own sense of propriety. I'm learning from it, but I have not arrived. I see in today's world a great potential for Christ. We must re-affirm our commitment to truth which is not subject to negotiation or adjustment. At the same time, we must be ready to sacrifice methods and programs on the altar of improvement and progress. As Lowell Mason, in his poem set to music by Charles Wesley, says:

*A charge to keep I have
Of God to glorify.
A never dying fold to save
And fit it for the sky.
To serve the present age
My calling to fulfill.
Oh may all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.*

Editor's Note: Robert W. Thompson has served as Executive Director of Grace Brethren Home Missions since 1985. This is a portion of the report he gave the GBHMC board of directors at their regular meeting in Palm Desert, CA last summer.

The Neglected Ministry . . .

Continued from page 7

increasingly common. Not long ago, I asked a missionary how his deputation was going. The missionary responded by saying that 100 percent of his support had been promised, but he was only receiving 35 percent. Does it seem strange to you that such lying and dishonesty are common in so-called "Bible-believing" churches?

"*Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only*" (James 1:22). By its very nature, worship requires a willingness to obey. We have come to associate love for the Lord with emotion and excitement -- rather than devotion and discipline. Where did the romantic notion originate that feeling must precede action? Disobedience and irresponsible behavior cannot be rationalized -- they must be confessed and forsaken. We minister to the Lord by placing character above convenience through honest dealings, truthful speaking, and obedient responses.

We minister to the Lord by placing spiritual realities above material interests. Though we cannot ignore the immediate, it is imperative that the immediate conform to the essential.

The ultimate priority in a Christian's life must be ministry to the Lord. This involves prayerful effort. As we know, our "natural" inclination is to follow our earthly, selfish, sinful desires. But when the foundational dispositions of worship, God-centeredness, and character are established, a balanced, godly life will surely follow. Then our outward expressions of worship -- giving, serving, thanking, praising, and singing -- will also be acceptable to God and minister to Him. He will impact grace and anointing to us. And only then can we consistently and effectively minister to others as we walk in the fulness of the Holy Spirit.

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NORTHCENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT WMC

Back to School

Book bags, lunch boxes, hair ribbons, lacey blouses and anklets, pigtails, bandaged knees, apples for the teacher -- that's a description of what the Walbridge, OH ladies wore and carried to their first WMC meeting for the new year. All the ladies were asked to dress up similar to the way they looked on their first day of school many years ago. Each lady was also asked to bring a school item to place in the missionary chest.

The class/meeting was held in the kindergarten room of the Christian School. All the "students" were gathered by their teacher, Carol Shull (WMC Vice-Pres.) who wore her hair in a bun and donned a pair of small wire rim spectacles -- just like the ol' school Marm!

The first subject was Arithmetic during which time the WMC Treasurer, Sharon Korb, worked through an addition problem on the chalk board representing the number of nickels saved this past year. Next, came Geography with a

report from one of the "students", Jeanne Hopkins (WMC Pres.), about Alice Haag and her ministry in Mexico. Story time followed. Teacher Carol read a book entitled, "The Donkey's Tale," which very simply and adequately explains the value God places on everyone and that anyone can be used by the Lord if they make themselves available for His service. Even the prayer calendar continued the theme of returning to school as many of the prayer requests were for parents, students, and teachers locally and throughout the world.

Lunch followed with sack lunches prepared by the Teacher. After a short "recess" or fellowship time, we returned to "class" and the Teacher shared a study on spiritual maturity. "Class" was then dismissed.

The first WMC meeting proved to be a great deal of fun and very rewarding as the Walbridge ladies were able to combine the concerns of the present with fond memories of by-gone days.

Greetings from Ozark, MI

Our WMC continues to be well attended with an average of 12 ladies per meeting and we are looking forward to "Getting It All Together" this year.

In April we brought items for the Missionary Chest, then in June we decided tupperware containers would be useful items too, so instead of a party, one of the WMC ladies took care of orders and now we also have many tupperware items included in our chest. Two of our ladies are covering a large box for a much needed storage chest for Mission supplies.

Our WMC ladies all brought cookies and candy for our college students and service men. Two of the ladies did the packing and mailing and we received many thank-you notes that showed the recipients truly did appreciate us thinking of them.

Instead of our usual Mother-Daughter Banquet at Church, we had a combined group of Trout Lake Women's Club ladies and WMC ladies and daughters at a carry-in dinner and program at the town hall. It was well attended and seemingly enjoyed by all.

"Mary and Martha's Rainbow"

The WMC ladies of the Mansfield, OH GBC decided to combine the two WMC groups into one. The new name is "Mary and Martha's Rainbow." The ladies are

excited about this as the younger ladies will learn from the older ladies as Titus 2 teaches. Also, the older ladies will glean and learn from the younger ladies.

What is your WMC Circle doing? Please send ideas to WMC Editor Linda Unruh, 1205 Park Ave., Winona Lake, IN 46590. Photos are appreciated.

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1. Read and study the Bible regularly.
2. Be a faithful prayer warrior.*
3. Be active in evangelism.*
4. Encourage increased interest in SMM or aid in the establishment of SMM in your local church.
5. Give regularly to WMC -- time, talent, and money as the Lord leads and prospers.*
6. Support regular family devotions.*

Use of Daily Devotions is suggested.

* Refer to WMC Handbook



A black and white photograph of a forest path. Three people, an older woman and two children, are walking away from the camera down a dirt path that is dappled with sunlight. The path is surrounded by tall, mature trees with thick canopies. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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Each one of us holds fond memories of favorite people in our lives...

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In the next few months, the "Heritage of Faith" slide-tape presentation will be shown in Grace Brethren Churches all across America. You will be asked to "remember" those who have given us our spiritual heritage.

*They have given us
our heritage of faith...
and have earned
"Our Promise of Honor."*

*"Remember those who led you, who
spoke the word of God to you; and
considering the outcome of their way
of life, imitate their faith."*

Hebrews 13:7

*Our
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To the Fields

Six couples and two individuals have been appointed recently to missionary service with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions

Dan and Tori Beaver

Country of Service	Philippines
Support Level	\$37,000
Relocation Fund	\$5,600
Home Church	Winona Lake, Indiana GBC
Birthdates:	Dan -- December 23 Tori -- August 9 Ashley -- April 5, 1978 Landon -- May 17, 1982



Dan and Tori Beaver, who have spent the last two years teaching at the Calvary Christian School in Santa Ana, California, began to seriously consider becoming missionaries after spending the summer with Overseas Crusades in 1985. Dan, son of Wayne and Dorothy Beaver, retired missionaries to the Central African Republic, attended the University of Illinois (B.S., Physical Education) where he was an all-American football player. He is currently enrolled in the M.A. in Missions program at Grace Seminary. Tori attended the University of California (B.A., Fine Arts) and is a homemaker and substitute teacher. The Beavers plan to leave for the Philippines in 1989. They will be teachers at Faith Academy, a missionary children's school, and will be involved with youth evangelism and discipleship with the GBFM church-planting team. The Beavers have two children: Ashley, 10; and Landon, 6.

Bill and Mona Cook

Country of Service	West Germany
Support Level	\$43,500
Relocation Fund	\$5,300
Home Church	Grace Church Los Alamitos, CA
Birthdates	Bill -- November 21 Mona -- November 26 Rachel -- June 13, 1988

Bill and Mona Cook, natives of the Long Beach, California area, traveled to Eastern Europe several times during college as part of a Campus Crusade drama team. Says Bill, "While in Yugoslavia, the Lord convicted, challenged and prompted me to go into full-time ministry



overseas." Bill attended California State University (B.S. Administration/Management) and Talbot Theological Seminary (M. Div./Missions). He is currently a Missions Intern at Grace Church in Los Alamitos and works part-time as a counselor at a local high school. Mona attended Long Beach City College (A.A.) and California University (B.A., Liberal Studies). She is currently an elementary school teacher and homemaker. The Cooks plan to leave for Germany in the fall of 1989. Bill and Mona have a baby daughter, Rachel LaRec.

Dawn and Sherri Juday

Country of Service	Philippines
Support Level	\$14,950 each
Home Church	Altavista, Virginia GBC
Birthdate	Dawn -- July 13 Sherri -- February 21



Dawn Juday



Sherri Juday

Dawn and Sherri Juday, daughters of missionaries to the Philippines, Bob and Brenda Juday, plan to go to the Philippines in 1989 under the two year SOWers program. Their ministries will involve evangelism, discipleship, music, and children's ministries.

Dawn attended Grace College (B.A./Biblical Studies/Missions) and later spent a year in Brazil with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Sherri also attended Grace College. Both girls are active in their local church teaching primary Sunday School classes and teaching Junior Church.

Walter and Ruth Poupart

Country of Service Spain
 Support Level \$40,000
 Relocation Fund \$5,900
 Home Church St. Petersburg, FL GBC
 Birthdates Walter -- April 19
 Joel -- February 5, 1980 Ruth -- August 16
 Angela -- October 16, 1986 Joshua -- May 13, 1977



Walter and Ruth Poupart, missionary appointees to Spain, both grew up in Puerto Rico: Walter, the son of a business man and Ruth, the daughter of GBFM missionaries, Max and Elaine Brenneman. They attended Euro Missions Institute in 1983 and returned with a burden for Europe. Walter attended Florida Bible College (B.A.), Grace Seminary, and is completing a M.Div. degree at Luther Rice Seminary. Ruth attended Florida Bible College and is currently a homemaker. The Pouparts plan to leave for Spain in 1989. They have three children, Joshua, 11; Joel, 8; and Angela, 2.

Dave and Becky Schwan

Country of Service England
 Support Level \$46,500
 Relocation Fund \$5,900
 Home Church Winona Lake, Indiana GBC
 Birthdates Dave -- October 21
 Rachel Marie -- May 21, 1985 Becky -- August 28
 David Michael -- December 7, 1982

Dave and Becky Schwan are best known in the Grace Brethren Fellowship for the song and slide set, "Come On Over and Help Us, and If You Can't Come, Please Pray" which addresses the tremendous spiritual need in Europe. The Schwans have a desire to work with university students and use their music to make contacts in England. They dedicated their lives to missions during EuroMissions Institute in 1984 and returned to Europe two years later for a brief musical tour. During that time, two people accepted Christ. Dave attended Wittenburg and Bowling Green State Universities (B.M.E.) and Grace Seminary (Cert., Biblical Studies). Becky, the daughter of missionaries Tom and Doris Julien, was raised in France and attended Grace College (B.A., Elementary



Education). The Schwans are currently interning at the Winona Lake, Indiana GBC and plan to leave for England in 1989. They have two children: Davie, 6; and Rachel, 3; and are expecting another child in January.

Mike and Myra Taylor

Country of Service Central African Republic
 Support Level \$33,400
 Home Church Aiken, South Carolina GBC
 Birthdates Mike -- May 5
 Rebekah Marie -- April 28, 1987 Myra -- October 17
 Rachel Elizabeth -- December 5, 1984

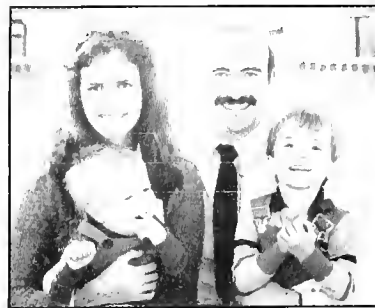


Mike and Myra Taylor, members of the Aiken, South Carolina GBC, plan to go to the CAR/Chad in 1989 under the 2-year SOW-ers program. Their ministries will be primarily in medicines/evangelism/discipleship. Mike attended Grace College (B.S., Education) and the University of South Carolina (Physician's Assistant). In the fall of 1988, he resigned so that he could give full-time to a pastoral internship in the Aiken church. Myra has known she wanted to be a missionary since she was twelve. Following high school she attended the Medical University of South Carolina (B.S./Nursing). She has worked as a registered nurse and is now a full-time homemaker. The Taylors have two girls: Rachel, 4; and Rebekah, 1.

Bruce and Lisa Triplehorn

Country of Service Brazil
 Support Level \$30,000
 Outfit Fund \$5,600
 Home Church Wooster, Ohio GBC
 Birthdates Bruce -- November 21
 Josiah -- August 14, 1985 Lisa -- October 13
 Daniel -- September 3, 1987

Bruce and Lisa Triplehorn, appointees to Brazil, have one principal motivation for being missionaries -- obedience. Bruce, whose family spent several years in Brazil when he was young, attended Ohio State University (B.S., M.S., Ph.D./Entomology) and Liberty Baptist Seminary. He is Assistant Professor of Biology at Liberty University. Lisa, a twin, attended Ohio State University (B.A., Biological Illustration). The Triplehorns plan to leave for Brazil in 1989. They have two children: Josiah, 3; and Daniel, 1.



These new missionaries who were commissioned at National Conference 1988 are still lacking support commitments: Tom and Laura Hickey, France; Greg and Cheryl Shipley, England; and Beverly Dobrenan, Germany. They cannot leave for the field until all their support is raised.

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“A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord” I’ll Stick with King James on This One!

by Charles W. Turner

Through the years this quote from Psalms 95 and 98 has been of comfort to me. If you have ever sat within five rows of me during a worship service, you will know what I mean. Singing has not been my talent, though it has been a joy for me! It seems you do not have to be able to produce music in order to appreciate it.

Now they are tampering with my verse! Along come some of the newer versions and translations and the translators have taken the “joyful noise” passage away from me. They have made it sound a little better and more modern, but it is **not** a description of the exercise of my meager talents. I will have to stick to the “good old” King James on this one.

Now, if you want to talk about “noise”, a bagpipe best fits that description. There have been some musical instruments that I have difficulty understanding and one of them is the bagpipe. This has nothing to do with the Scottish people. I have always admired their frugal attitude towards money. I just can’t relate to their music. Recently I was at Epcot Center in Florida and stood through a musical demonstration of persons playing the bagpipes. I thought it to be an imitation of four jet engines at the time of takeoff. If nothing else, it certainly does clear up your sinus problems!

I understand our government has stepped into the bagpipe problem. After investigating the

effects of noise levels on bagpipe players, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the American Medical Association’s *Archives of Otolaryngology* (Head and Neck Surgery magazine) have said, “the potential for acoustic trauma and permanent ear damage is often ignored”. Well, I rather suspected this may have been true all along. The government may decree earplugs for all players of bagpipes, but I suggest they advise all listeners to wear earplugs as well.

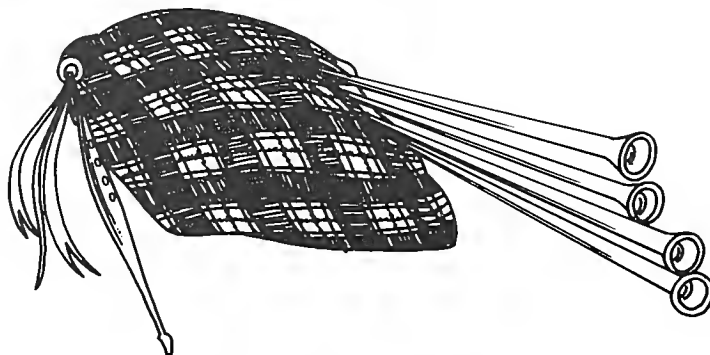
***Praise is what we
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and talent is what
appears on the
outside.***

“Making a joyful noise” may have been changed to “shouting praise” in the new translations, but the truth remains the same. I am glad the Lord takes into consideration that praise is a matter

of the heart, not a condition of your vocal cords. Praise is what we have on the inside and talent is what appears on the outside.

I spent a little time in the church choir during my youth. It was due to the good graces of friends who permitted me to appear and offer praise with them on Sunday morning. I still sing out, though the key of the crowd and the key I am singing may vary.

Of God, there is eternity with all of its changing of faith into sight. We can look forward to the great gatherings of the saints and the praise of the redeemed. The sound of that host will be like the sounds of many waters. If you have ever sat by the ocean in the quiet of the night and listened to the incoming waves, you know a little about the power and the might of the sound. That is how I think the great chorus of the saints will sound. In that choir, with a new set of vocal chords, will be Charlie. What a difference it will make! I hope some of my singing critics will be close by to hear. I will nudge them in the ribs and say, “How am I doing now?”



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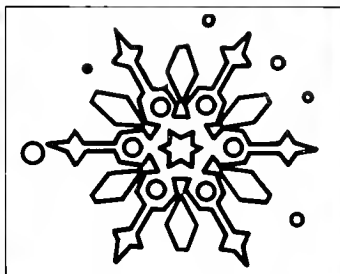
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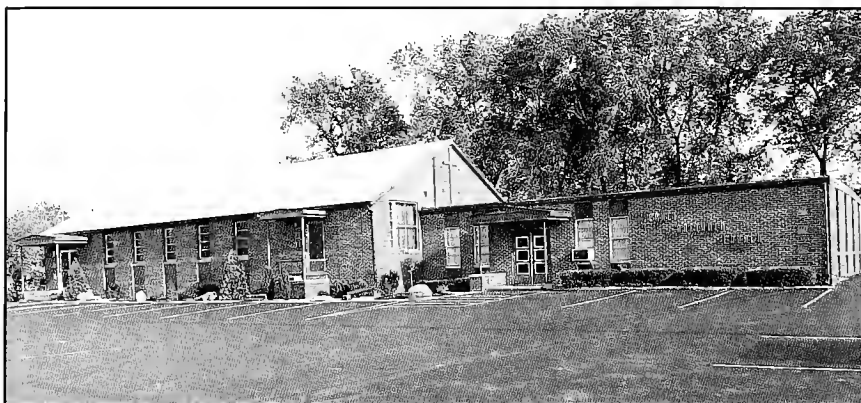
FELLOWSHIP NEWS

NEWS UPDATE

Leon, Iowa to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

The Leon, Iowa Brethren Church will be celebrating their 75th anniversary on October 22, 1989. All former members and friends of the church are invited to special services on that date. Those who will not be able to attend are urged to send a letter sharing some of their experiences or memories of the church. Russell Betz is now pastoring the work.

ART McCrum has accepted the pastorate of the New Troy (MI) Grace Brethren Church. He began his ministry there January 1. He had formerly pastored the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church of North English, IA for thirteen years.



Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church of Kokomo, Indiana celebrated their 30th anniversary on Sunday, November 13, 1988. Dr. Herman Hoyt was the guest speaker

for the day as well as for the Prophetic Bible Conference on November 13-16. Dr. Hoyt had led a Bible study group in Kokomo in 1956, which eventually blossomed into an organized Grace Brethren Church in April, 1958. Their first building was completed by the Brethren Construction Crew and dedicated in November, 1958. Their first pastor was Rev. William Kolb followed by Robert Burns, Dr. James Boyer, Herman Hein, Richard Sellers, Don Brotherton, Larry Gegner, Ward Tressler, Mike Johnson and the present pastor, Gerald L. Kelley.

A great day of blessing was shared by the members, friends, and former members including Rev. and Mrs. Ward Tressler. The ladies of the church provided a delicious noon meal. The special music of the day was presented by former and present members. Slides and pictures of past events were shown during the afternoon fellowship.

A special 30th anniversary pictorial-greeting brochure was compiled by Pastor Kelley from all of the former pastors and given to those attending.

The congregation praises the Lord for enabling them to have a ministry in the Kokomo area these 30 years and looks forward to continuing to faithfully serve the community for His glory.

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MRS. ALVA J. McCLAIN (widow of the founder of Grace Seminary) would like to express appreciation for the many greeting cards she received during the Christmas season. Due to some physical difficulties she was experiencing at that time, it was not possible for her to respond.

RANDY WIKERT, college pastor from the Grace Church at Los Alamitos, has resigned to plant a new church in Ranch, California, which is a fast-growing community north of San Diego. Several young families have moved with him to help in this venture. He plans to earn his own support by managing a supermarket. He began his ministry January 1.

DON MAY, formerly a pastor at Bell, CA, is the new pastor of the New Life Grace Brethren Church of Covina, CA.

D. BRENT SANDY and DAN MICHAELS, have been approved for ordination by the Indiana District Ministerial Examining Board. **James Laird, Jeff Hoffard and John Oelze** were recently approved for licensure. Jeff is the new pastor of the Leesburg Grace Brethren Church.

KEITH ALTIG, recently spent a month in South Africa ministering in Mozambique refugee camps. A South African Christian group is sponsoring this ministry to the refugees from war-torn Mozambique. Keith had gone largely at his own expense to have a part in sharing the Gospel there.

DAVE BELCHER, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of LaVerne, CA, for nine years of very effective ministry, has resigned and will move to the Rancho, CA, area to help with the planting of a new church there under the leadership of Randy Wikert.

BRIAN ROSEBOROUGH and three part-time workers will lead the Grace Brethren Church of LaVerne, CA until a new pastor is on the field.

BETTIE CASHMAN, wife of Ed Cashman who is pastor of the Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, CA, has experienced a

new onslaught of cancer (the third one) and will begin chemotherapy. Pray for her and the family at this special time of crisis.

MACEDONIA, OH, GBC has selected Willoughby, OH as the spot for a new Brethren church. **Pastor Joe and Melinda Consentino** were commissioned by the Macedonia congregation for this special ministry.

National Celebrity

DR. GEORGE PEEK, pastor emeritus of the Grace Brethren Church of Los Alamitos, became a national celebrity! "If you witnessed the Rose Parade on New Year's Day, that was George Peek performing a wedding on one of the floats, with an audience of 300 million or more!

"The bride was Carrie Humphries, granddaughter of his wife, Phyllis. George had married her parents years ago and dedicated her as an infant at North Long Beach Brethren Church. She and her husband, Ron Simms, both fine Christians, had won a contest as 'the most romantic couple,' sponsored by the Huntington Sheraton Hotel. So the hotel picked up the tab for all the wedding costs, a beautiful reception at the hotel, and a honeymoon in Paris. The wedding was a first for the 100-year-old Rose Parade.

"As soon as Carrie was notified that she and Ron had won the contest, she phoned her grandfather, and almost shouted over the phone, 'We won, and, Pops, you've got to do it!'

"Because of the chilly weather in the early morning, George consented to wear a robe . . . for the ceremony." All went well according to the reports received.

DEATHS

SCHUMACHER, HERMAN J., 88, of Warsaw, IN, December 29, 1988. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Osceola, IN, and also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grace Brethren

Foreign Missions for twenty-four years. Keith Shearer, pastor.

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ON PAGE 61 please change the Southern California-Arizona Youth Council committee to: President--Paul Copeland, Secretary-Treasurer--Ben Taylor, NAC Director--Bob Hetzler, NAC Sports--Joe Graham, NAC Music/Drama--Lynne Jorgenson. Camp: Winter--Bob Hetzler and Ben Taylor, Name of Camp--Break Away; Summer--Jim and Marianne Wille, Name of Camp--Camp Surf.

CE Year-End Offering Report

GBC Christian Education is praising the Lord for an overwhelming response to their year-end financial need. Ed Lewis, Executive Director for the National CE office, reported a financial crisis in late October. At that time CE was projecting a year-end cash deficit of \$52,000 and saw their future in jeopardy. Then God altered the picture. When the final offerings were counted for 1988, CE came within \$11,187 of reaching their cash need.

"We didn't reach our need," reports Lewis, "but two consecutive months (November and December) of our highest offerings ever demonstrated that hundreds of people were standing behind our ministry and giving and praying to keep our office open."

Joining in the year-end giving to CE were people from all age-levels, including girls in CE's Serving My Master program and youth involved in CE ministries. Generous giving resulted in a total 1988 offering of \$155,561.

Foreign Mission News

Christmas Programs Proclaim Good News

For the first time, the modern hotel in between the cities of Le Creusot and Montceau-les-Mines refused to rent their meeting rooms for the churches' annual Christmas program, so the groups were forced to hold separate programs in both cities. The result? Good attendance in both cities (over 100 in each) with many first time attenders. As always, God directs through circumstances and events supposedly contrary to His cause. Praise the Lord!

Persecution Exists

Patrick, a young believer in the Macon, France church was recently "released" from his job as an auto parts salesman. This happened in spite of the fact that he had recently been offered chances for advancement and "coincidentally", the week following a Saturday when his boss met Patrick passing out tracts with the church group on the street. Patrick, 100 percent committed to the Lord, has chosen to see this as God's leading in his life while his father, a new Christian, though agreeing, is deeply hurt. Persecution for Christ's sake is not rare in supposedly "tolerant" France.

Did You Know?

- there are more registered fortune tellers than pastors in Germany?
- People who worship Satan pray specifically that he would destroy the marriages of pastors?
- 1988 was a year in which Catholics especially honored and worshipped Mary?

Freedom of Religion

Although the German Constitution guarantees Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Assembly, the Calw team found out what it meant for them. They have been forbidden to hold their evangelistic Bible study in the Beltons' apartment. According to paragraph 5.1 of the "apartment complex law", the apartment is



The Beltons

only to be used for "living purposes", and studying the Bible is not part of living. Some of the neighbors of the Beltons also object that "strangers" will have to use the stairway and could harm the building. Another "law" that has just been passed for the complex is foreigners are no longer allowed to rent an apartment in the complex.

Tom Sharp



The Sharps

Tom Sharp, seven year missionary to Mexico, returned to Ohio this fall after being diagnosed with cancer. He is currently undergoing treatments in Mansfield, Ohio.

Writes Tom, "Thank you very much for your prayers and kindness this year. God has been very good. We finally have a schedule of treatments from the doctor. We will be in Ohio for at least a year. I will be getting chemotherapy in the abdominal area for six months and through the vein for six months. After that there will be a time of doing nothing and then a second operation to see how the cancer is doing.

I had my first treatments at the end of November. I did well with them. The only thing that bothered me was high blood pressure. That was because they put about two quarts into the abdomen. It is uncomfortable, but the Lord helps.

God has blessed us. We had a car that was given to us to get by for a while. Suzy was driving home one night after visiting me in the hospital with all the kids. On the way the car started making strange noises and started to steer wrong. She pulled off the road before the wheel fell off. The wheel bearings had gone out. Because of your kindness and the gifts of others we were able to buy a 1985 Ford Escort. It has been a real answer to prayer. Thanks again for your love and encouragement.

Phil and Elinor Steele



The Steeles

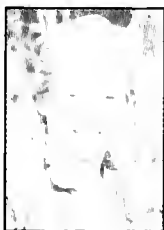
Phil and Elinor Steele resigned from Grace Brethren Foreign Missions February 15 after serving in England seven years.

We express to them our appreciation for their faithful ministry and our deep regret to see them leave the missionary team. Pray for God's guidance for them personally and for the missionary team in England.

Barb Wooler

God is richly blessing the ministry in the Central African Republic. Next weekend I will make my fourth trip down to the pygmy area. Last time I had a great contact with one of the pygmy camps. I gave the chief a New Testament and told him that in his hands he was holding God's words that He had written to man. But since he couldn't read, he wouldn't know what God wants to say to him.

I tell them that when I find a pygmy that is willing to accept God's true words, I'd go with him into the forest and find other pygmies to whom we could tell what God has to say to them. Well, when I said this they showed as much enthusiasm as I've ever known a pygmy to show! It was neat to see something other than the blank stare and the timidity that usually characterizes them. When I opened the Bible to read a verse to them, they all stood up to see what it looked like inside God's book.



Barb Wooler

Missionary Candidate School

Sixteen individuals attended GBFM Missionary Candidate School December 28-January 7 in Winona Lake, IN. They are Rick and Twinky Satterthwaite from the Indianapolis, Indiana GBC, Spain; Bill and Mona Cook from the Los Alamitos, California GBC, West Germany; Karen Foster from Worthington, Ohio GBC, Central African Republic; Tim and Julie Hawkins from Rittman, Ohio GBC, Portugal; Bill and Shirley Stevens from the Lake Odessa, Michigan GBC, England or Spain;

Mike and Myra Taylor from the Aiken, South Carolina GBC, Mexico; Ken and Kim Burk from the Bellflower, California GBC, Portugal; and Dan and Tori Beaver from the Winona Lake, Indiana GBC, Philippines.



Pictured from left to right, Front row: Twinky Satterthwaite, Karen Foster, Shirley Stevens, Bess Farrell and Dan Beaver. Back row: Rick Satterthwaite, Bill and Mona Cook, Tim and Julie Hawkins, Bill Stevens, Mike and Myra Taylor, Ken and Kim Burk and Tori Beaver.



Grace Brethren Foreign Missions home office staff. (Top row left to right): Gordon Austin, Technical Coord.; Lou Ann Myers, Distribution Coord.; Steve Popenfoose, Financial Officer; Mary Ann Barlow, Secy. to Exec. Dir.; Greg Weimer, Dir. of Admin.; Teresa Tyre, Asst. to Financial Officer; Wendell Kent, Dir. of Information Services; (Bottom row left to right): Sue Sewell, Accounts Payable Mgr.; Karen Bartel, Communications Coord.; Tom Julien, Exec. Dir.; Kathy Herman, Secy., Admin.; Lillian Teeter, Secy., Information Services; not pictured Lee Ann Horst, Accounts Payable Mgr.

GBFM rejoices to announce that it ended 1988 in the BLACK! God answered prayers for Operation Lifeline in a marvelous way.

In spite of very realistic projections that GBFMS year-end deficit could be as large as \$500,000, churches and individuals were moved to respond in a most extraordinary way. Over \$400,000 was sent in the final week before the 1988 books were closed. It should also be noted that the frugality of our fields and administration helped a great deal. We know you rejoice with us, and we send our most heartfelt thanks to you who responded.



Yes, it is true! Yes, it has begun! God has blessed and breathed into His people a fresh move of His Spirit! Just a hopeful rumor or a wonderful dose of fiction? No. I was there and witnessed the presence of our Living Lord among His people.

As a fellowship of churches we have joined together and have been exhorted to pray fervently for revival. We desperately need to come alive again! Our God has heard our cries and His blessing has begun.

In December of 1987, the Patterson Memorial Grace Brethren Church of Roanoke, Virginia hosted a "First Love Renewal" under the direction of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries. Pastors and lay people gathered from several states for five days of heart-targeted preaching and teaching. Juan Isais revealed his Biblical based strategy for mobilizing whole congregations for evangelism. Alan Read revitalized and refocused our singing and worship. Several Grace Brethren pastors challenged powerfully from the word that revival was within our reach and that our Living God eagerly awaits to bless.

All of this was important. But it would have been just another conference except for the arrival of an invited guest, the presence of our precious Lord. The singing became an offering, the praises to God and Amens began to flow, and Grace Brethren people raised holy hands towards Heaven! No error in worship was present. God's people were being renewed in their worship and love for Him! Traditions and ruts were broken and God was in control of the services. We were alive again!

Just an emotional flash in the pan? No. A year has passed and the changes God has wrought in

my life during those services are still there. The only question left for us to answer is, "Will we listen to the message of First Love Renewal?" Will we allow the sparks to be fanned into a flame and sweep through our fellowship?

We claim that Jesus Christ, the Almighty Son of God, is our Lord, Savior, and the Head over our churches. Everything we do must be in direct obedience to His marvelous rule. I believe Christ is speaking to the urgent condition of our hearts in Revelation 2:4,5: *"Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place."*

All of us as Grace Brethren hold sacred our convictions, and we stand in unity convinced that our fellowship is where God called us to be. But we still have needs. We cannot settle for less than to give our Lord our very best in return for so great a salvation. People, we need to fall in love with Christ all over again! Pastors, we need to have our ministries renewed. Our missions need the sustaining and effectual power that comes when Christ's love rolls over into the lives of others. Are we willing to pay the price in honest and sincere repentance before our King? Yes, we can come alive again!

What positive action can each believer take? Continue to wrestle in prayer for genuine revival. Intercede for God's protection and prosperity for Brethren Evangelistic Ministries. In faith, worship the Lord by giving to support this vital ministry. Make plans to have your area of district churches host a First Love Renewal. Lord, let our love for you and our worship come alive again! ■

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Murphy was not an original member of this free church, but about 1840 he was converted because he was attracted about ten years after its birth in Zurich. Switzerland. He recognized that the main danger of being overrated elsewhere and that it succeeded by the excesses of some in the

Netherlands he deserves much credit in that at great sacrifice he personally gathered together, redirected, and reorganized the surviving remnant of the Dutch branch of Anabaptism. He provided a twin stable, long-term leadership by looking after and simultaneously fulfilling the roles of itinerant evangelist, teacher, theologian, and bishop on a large scale. He carefully led the Dutch branch to an appropriate and moderate balance between the radical and moderate teachings of the early Swiss founders of the Anabaptist movement.
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Questions

Q. I hear a great deal about the 1964-1966 National Conference decisions on baptism and membership. What are they?

A. After several years of discussion about requirements for FGBC churches with respect to triune immersion and church membership, the National Conference came to these basic decisions. All National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches must teach and practice only triune immersion as the biblical mode of baptism. However, churches whose membership policies did not require triune immersion as a pre-requisite, would be allowed membership in the National Fellowship. Their lay delegate voting representation in the National Conference would be based on their triune immersed membership and only triune immersed delegates could be seated, and they would not be permitted to vote on the baptism-membership issues.

1. For a fuller discussion see the **FGBC Annuals** of 1966 and 1984.
2. This decision is reflected in our present Bylaws, adopted in 1984. See Article III.

Q. What is the future location of our National Conference?

A. This year's National Conference will be held in Winona Lake, Indiana in late July and early August. The Fellowship Committee will make recommendations for the 1990 Conference. Investigation of the Richmond, Virginia area makes that area appear to be the strongest possibility at this time.

We Encourage You to Send Us Your Questions

If you have a question that you would like to have answered in a future issue of The Herald, drop us a line. We will locate a competent authority who is qualified to answer your questions. Questions of a personal nature will not be accepted, but we will respond to your questions regarding the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

FGBC Fellowship Council and Strategy Committee Meet at Columbus, Ohio

Two important groups of the National Fellowship met at Columbus, Ohio in mid-January. The FGBC Strategy Committee and the Fellowship Council met for four days of heart searching, dreaming, planning and discussions about the present state and future of the fellowship. January 16 and 17 were days when the strategy committee of James Custer, Tom Julien and Ed Trenner met with about 20 area representatives from various parts of the country. They brain-stormed especially about where the fellowship would be by the year 2000.

The Fellowship Council met with the Strategy Committee for a half-day to continue the discussion. Some solid recommendations will be forth-

coming at the national conference this summer.

The Fellowship Council met for two days and covered an agenda of about 20 items of importance to the fellowship. The topics discussed ranged from the state of the fellowship, issues facing us and conference planning. Dr. John Davis, our Moderator for this year, will be sending a communique to all pastors and churches relating to these discussions.

The 1990 Conference is scheduled for August 4-9 at Richmond, VA and a great evangelistic church planning effort is being planned. Missionary Roger Peugh will be our Moderator.

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"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all." Psalm 34:18,19 (NIV)

Lord Over Every Circumstance -- Even Cancer

by Dan Funderburg

February, 1983. The doctor had just left my room and my mind was in a whirl. Osteogenic sarcoma chondroblastic, chemotherapy, bleomycin, adriamycin, cisplatin, cytoxan -- what does all of this mean? How long do I have to live? What is going to happen to my wife and three children? How much pain will I be able to endure? What will it be like as I am dying? My wife Beth and I had tears streaming down our faces. We were scared and we were alone. Oh, there were people all around us, but this was **our** cancer. There was no one who could **really** understand, **really** help. We were alone.

The doctors explained to us what was required for my best chance at survival. First, I would undergo chemotherapy, then have surgery to remove the tumor located in my left pelvis. As we listened, the doctor shared what chemotherapy would be like. He said it would make me "somewhat nauseous" and there would be "some hair loss". Now, let me interrupt my narration to explain "doctor talk". A dentist once told me, as he was capping one of my teeth, "Dan, you are going to feel a little pressure right now." The word "pressure" is "doctor talk" for "**pain**". So, I was a little concerned when the doctor told me I would be "somewhat nauseous" and would experience "some hair loss".

I entered the hospital to undergo chemotherapy, which was a 75-hour I.V. drip which included 10 quarts of liquid and two shots. Beth and I prayed and committed our lives to the Lord, wanting His will to be done in our lives, regardless of the outcome. After the I.V. began to drip and two hours had passed, the "somewhat nauseous" began to happen. For the next 12 hours, I was completely sick to my stomach every 5 minutes. Finally, the nausea began to taper off. The seconds very slowly ticked away, drop by I.V. drop. The drugs began to take their full effect and my thought pattern was reduced. I could not think about what needed to be done that week, that day or even that hour. I began to live my life by moments. As I exhaled, I would pray for the next breath to come into my lungs. Would there be another breath? I could no longer put words together to communicate with my wife. I could

only squeeze her hand and pray, "Help me, Lord." Peter, as recorded in Matthew 14:30, was also living his life by moments as he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

What a joyful day! The I.V. was taken out and we were soon to be on our way home. The doctor came into my room and explained that further treatments would be necessary for the next three months. I interrupted and told him that I could not endure another treatment of chemotherapy and I was not coming back next month. Beth and I left not knowing if we would be back. We had a 10 hour drive ahead of us, but we were together and thanking the Lord for helping us to make it this far.

Two weeks after I returned home, my hair began to fall out. Within three days, all the hair on my head, my whiskers, eyebrows, eyelashes, and body hair were all gone! The "doctor talk" for "some hair loss" had happened.

The time was drawing closer for my second treatment and I was scared. My wife was praying, the people in the church were praying and many others were praying -- including myself. I did go back for the other treatments. I wanted the Lord to make them easy for me. He didn't, but He did bring me through to the frontside of the chemotherapy. I asked the Lord, "why?" *"The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'"* Exodus 33:14

June 8, 1983. This is the night before my surgery to remove the tumor. My brother Mick read from the Bible and prayed. I committed my life to the Lord and again asked His will to be done -- whether I lived or died. Beth and I wanted to bring Him glory. Everyone left to go to bed and I was alone. The nurses had prepared me for surgery, but before I went to sleep, I began to look at my leg and all the different scars on it. I remembered back to my childhood and recalled each accident and how each scar occurred.

I got up from bed and took one last walk, hoping I could remember at a later date what it was like to be able to walk. I walked up and down the halls letting my arms swing, feeling what it was like to shift

my weight from one leg to the next. Returning to my room, I knew that whatever happened the next day, though I did not have control over the situation, **God did**. He sent His Son to die for my sins, and if He loved me that much, He loved me enough to see me through whatever lay ahead -- death, depression, pain, life, joy, sorrow. I went to sleep.

The next morning I was wheeled into surgery. When I woke up the first thing I remembered was seeing my wife standing by me. I looked at her, smiled and said, "I love you". Nothing came out of my mouth! No sound, nothing! I thought perhaps I hadn't spoken loudly enough. Again I said, "I love you." No sound! I began to look and feel around. Sure enough, my leg was gone. There was a tube in my nose, tubes in my arms, tubes in my chest and a big tube down my throat. The room didn't look the same. Something was wrong. This was intensive care and not where I was supposed to be. About that time I went back to sleep.

"I committed my life to the Lord and again asked His will to be done -- whether I lived or died."

I woke up and there was my wife again. She began to explain about the surgery. Instead of the expected four hours, the surgery had taken six and then, because of additional complications, I had to remain in the surgery room for a total of eight hours.

The anesthesiologist came by my bed and explained what had happened. Because my blood would not coagulate they had to give me 42 pints of blood parts and they had almost lost me during surgery. My left leg, left pelvis, and the left part of my tailbone from the waist down had been removed. There was no longer any bone on my left side below my rib cage. The remaining portion of my life had now been changed forever. Never would I again have the freedom that I had once enjoyed.

It is amazing as a Christian, how I had been going around, doing my little duties in the church, community, and in my home. There were some things I would just go ahead and do because either I thought God was too slow or, "this is really impossible, God, let me help you in this area." Was I really concerned about how I was living my life for the moment for God? Am I thinking right now, this moment, what I should be thinking? Am I doing right now, this moment, what God would have me do? This "unplanned" disease has come into my life -- am I really reacting in the way in which I should? Is this the way Christ would respond if this came into His life? I John 2:6 tells us, "Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did."

As I continue to read the Bible and learn more

about Christ, I find that He is concerned about the "moments" which we are experiencing. I am just beginning to learn to live my life by moments. There are still times when the unexpected comes into my life, the unplanned moments. My first reaction is to take them by the horns and wrestle, and then the Lord says, "Dan, this moment I have allowed to come into your life. Will you let Me handle it?"

"How do our moments measure up to the way Christ would act or react to the same circumstance? This is what living the Christian walk is all about."

Words are easily shared -- theology, doctrine, the "shoulds" and the "should nots". The actual living of the "moments" that come into our lives -- our actions and reactions -- that is important to the Lord. How do our moments measure up to the way Christ would act or react to the same circumstance? This is what living the Christian walk is all about. I need to focus in on the relationship I have with Christ and give him complete control of my life and my circumstances or "moments" ***while I am going through them***. The total friendship with Christ and being able to trust Him for the unknowns in my life is what I am just now beginning to learn.

There has never been a problem or circumstance which has come into my life in which the Lord has not brought me to the "frontside". I do not know what lies ahead, but this I know for sure, *"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."* Psalms 34:18,19.

Dan Funderburg is the son of the late Earl Funderburg, a Grace Brethren pastor and Thelma, who lives in Norway, Michigan. His brother Mick Funderburg pastors Calvary Grace Brethren Church in Alto, Michigan and sister Judy Ostrander is married to Mike, Pastor of Ozark Grace Brethren Church. Dan has been married to Beth for over 22 years and they have three children: Tami, 20; Tina, 16; and Todd, 14.

Dan worked for the State of Michigan as a Forest Fire Officer up to the time of his cancer. He now lives on 140 acres of maple hardwoods where he plants a large garden and does some truck farming. He does woodworking in his shop and he and his wife speak at seminars and week-end retreats.

In 1985 the cancer had spread to Dan's right lung and surgery was performed to remove the tumor. Dan still goes to the Mayo Clinic every six months for tests and check-ups to see if there has been a re-occurrence of the cancer. Since 1985 there has been none. ☐

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and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'
So that all men he has made may know his work,
he stops every man from his labor.
The animals take cover;
they remain in their dens.
The tempest comes out from its chamber,
the cold from the driving winds.
The breath of God produces ice,
and the broad waters become frozen.
He loads the clouds with moisture;
he scatters his lightning through them.
At his direction they swirl around
over the face of the whole earth
to do whatever he commands them.
He brings the clouds to punish men
or to water his earth and show his love.
Listen to this, Job:
stop and consider God's wonders.
Do you know how God controls the clouds
and makes his lightning flash?
Do you know how the clouds hang poised,
those wonders of him who is perfect
in knowledge?
You who swelter in your clothes
when the land lies hushed under the
south wind,
can you join him in spreading out the skies,
hard as a mirror of cast bronze?
Tell us what we should say to him;
we cannot draw up our case because of
our darkness.
Should he be told that I want to speak?
Would any man ask to be swallowed up?
Now no one can look at the sun,
bright as it is in the skies
after the wind has swept them clean.
Out of the north he comes in golden splendor;
God comes in awesome majesty.
The almighty is beyond our reach
and exalted in power;
in his justice and great righteousness,
he does not oppress.
Therefore, men revere him,
for does he not have regard for all the wise in
heart?"

Proverbs 37:5-24 (NIV)

"He sends his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.
He spreads the snow like wool
and scatters the frost like ashes.
He hurls down his hail like pebbles.
Who can withstand his icy blast?
He sends his word and melts them;
he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow."

Psalms 147:15-18 (NIV)

No Fear of the Weather

by Raeann Hart

"When it snows, she has no fear
for her household;" for God is near.
She's worked hard, her plans are made,
of the weather she's not afraid.
The snow is swirling, falling;
howling wind seems to be calling,
but safe and cozy and warm,
her family is kept from harm.
This Proverbs woman can give
great wisdom with which we can live.
Fear the Lord, trust in His care,
work hard, be generous and fair.
When God's the head of our home,
we "can laugh at the days to come"

Selections from Proverbs 31

Heavenly Father,

During this winter season, help us to feel
safe and warm in Your arms, feeling the com-
fort of Your love wrapped around us as a
blanket of snow wraps itself around the
ground.

Help us to be faithful laborers for you, as the
Proverbs woman: opening our arms to the
poor, working vigorously, speaking with
wisdom, with faithful instruction on our
tongues.

Lord, help us to stop and consider Your
wonders, the beauty in the snow, the wonder
of the birds in flight, the glorious skies. Help
us to be thankful that you gave living things
a time of year to rest. In that same way, help
us to rest in You.

TESTIMONIES

About Church Planting and Changing People.

At Grace Brethren Home Missions we talk a lot about church planting. We often show pictures of church dedications, ground breaking services, and buildings under construction. Perhaps it goes without saying that when we say "church planting," we're not really thinking about buildings or even organizations. We realize that these are only facilities, a means to an end.

People are our main concern.

Christ died for people. He lives to save people and to incorporate them into the Church where they will bring glory to God throughout eternity (Ephesians 3:21). The church is the body of Christ and that body has many members: Jesus Christ is the head and all the other parts of the body are redeemed people (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Colossians 1:18).

A testimony of two such people appeared in the January *Brethren Missionary Herald*. Following are the testimonies of two more whose lives have been dramatically changed through the ministry of a Grace Brethren Home Mission church.

The first is a story of rededication, told -- in his own words -- by Paul Eekert, research and development principal engineer at Technology Development Corporation in Texas. He is married to Jenny and they have two children: Suzanne Melissa, 4, and Ezekiel Erie, 2.

"Although raised in a religious home, and despite having accepted Christ at an early age, I was distant from the Lord. Like the seed sown on rocky ground, I sprang up, then withered over time. Upon having children, however, I realized that my unchurched life was not fair to them. My wife and I sought a church home sporadically but were always put off by (the church people's) insincerity or concern with inconsequential things. We had pretty much stopped searching for a church and given up when we were contacted by honest, friendly people from Grace Fellowship Church in Hurst, Texas. (Ed. note: Ron Guiles is pastor there.)

"Unlike the other churches we had visited, these people were caring, friendly, joyful folks who were less concerned with minor things but rightly strong in spiritual matters that are important. We read their literature with interest and came away from the first church service with a firm conviction that we had found true believers.

"The more often we attended, the more clearly we saw how a fellowship of believers is greater than the simple sum of their parts. God was

everywhere present, and we found our spirits rekindling in close fellowship with other Christians. We praise God for His intervention in our lives and for our reawakened spirit in Him.

"I have found, much to my surprise, that the more I become involved in the local church, the less important the cares and matters of the world are. There is no one more astonished than I am with what has happened to me. I am currently leading the singing at the church on Sundays, attending Bible studies during the week, and marvelling at the changes in my outlook that God has wrought.

"I thank God that there are groups here in the United States which are concerned about bringing their neighbors into the Christian fold."

"I thank God that there are groups here in the United States which are concerned about bringing their neighbors into the Christian fold. Although foreign missions is important to me, home missions is neglected but just as important."

The second testimony is about a young lady who is a middle school special education teacher. She writes that she was "self-centered, always uptight, had a negative outlook, and a cold/hard personality." She says, "I thought I could handle everything on my own." That was Jacqueline LeBrun before she came to Christ. Her story was told to us by Pastor Louis Huesmann of the Grace Brethren Church in Hartford, Connecticut.

Jesus Christ has made a marked difference in Jacqueline LeBrun. Now that God is in control of her life, she is able to depend on Him with confidence. This is quite different from her attitude and lifestyle of a year ago.

Jackie was facing each day with the belief that she could handle anything that came her way as long as she was determined, aggressive, and worked hard. This "hard-nosed" attitude led to many negative feelings and a loneliness that ached. Nothing seemed to fill the void that she felt. Friends, sports, partying, and music helped to

pass the time but were not enough. Something was missing.

Jackie began to search for the answer. She attended several churches, hoping to find a place to fit in and feel worthwhile. She knew there was a God, wanted to communicate with Him, yet couldn't quite put it all together. During her search, she visited the Grace Brethren Church and spent time talking with Pastor Louis Huesmann. She discovered that Jesus Christ is the answer. Once Jackie realized who Jesus is and accepted His free gift of salvation, a whole new life began for her. "It's as if weights have been lifted off my shoulders!" she says. "I am most comforted by the fact that I will never be alone again."

Jackie has made changes in her life and continues to work at learning how to live her life the way God desires. She is excited to see the Lord

working through her in daily circumstances. She is involved in Bible studies and with the teen youth group.

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Preparing Chaplains for Emergency Ministry

by Liz Cutler

"If the United States had a continual peace time environment, there would probably be no need for chaplains," says Grace Brethren Chaplain James Elwell. "Military personnel would go to churches off base," he adds. "But the nature of our service is to be prepared to allow people to experience their First Amendment rights, the free exercise of religion, so we go all over the world to guarantee them this right."

Preparedness is the key and it is a part of the unique ministry of Lt. Colonel Elwell, a 16-year Air Force veteran who serves in a staff agency in the division of Readiness and Inspection at Tactical Air Command Headquarters in Langley AFB, Virginia. The command is composed of nearly 20 bases across the nation.

"We have to deal with the reality that we are preparing ourselves to defend the country," explains Elwell. "Therefore, we have a unique parish and setting in which we exercise that ministry."

He and his fellow staffers work with nearly 300 chaplains and chapel management personnel (assistants) throughout the year to insure that they are prepared to minister in any situation.

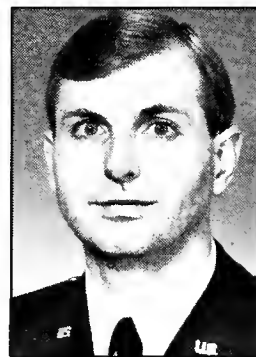
"No chaplain is expected to survive over 24 hours in certain wartime battle conditions if he does not have proper preparation," he notes. "The thing that is satisfying to me is that we are

teaching military clergy how to survive so they are able to minister to others."

Air Force chaplains are trained to work in three environments or settings, according to Elwell. We are currently in a peacetime setting, and part of the process of the peacetime ministry is preparing for the two other settings -- deployment, or crisis ministry; and employment, the beddown location.

Except for training purposes, *deployment* normally occurs when military personnel are transported to remedy a crisis. This may be a wartime situation or a natural disaster. *Employment*, on the other hand, involves being beddown at the actual site of the event.

"Our job is to assist chaplains under Tactical Air Command to survive and minister in worst case scenarios," he stresses. Part of that preparation comes through maneuvers at various stateside locations and in foreign countries. "We orchestrate the planning of approximately 25 exercises annually," he notes. In addition, his office coordinates



James T. Elwell

two special tours to southeast Asia every year, involving about sixteen chaplains who spend up to 65 days each in deployments.

Elwell explains: "Through these tours, we expose the clergymen to beddown ministry experiences. Over the last year, 33 percent of all our TAC chaplains have been involved in some form of beddown employment."

Regular training workshops sponsored by Elwell's office help prepare the military pastors to work in any situation -- chemical warfare, terrorist attacks, etc. They also touch on more traditional roles of chaplains in war zones, such as first aid, casualty care, crisis counseling, and ministering to the dying. "In these workshops we train pastoral ministry teams in the actual mobilization process from the air passenger terminal, to the simulated aircraft, to the simulated beddown location," he says.

Elwell feels his role may sometimes be misinterpreted by civilians. "No chaplain is trained in nor bears arms," he stresses. "Rather, we work hard to prepare our military pastors to offer a caring ministry to troops through worship, counseling, visitation, Scripture studies, and morale building. Though we certainly don't endorse the evils of war, we do recognize their reality and seek to serve in the midst of the suffering and death that war imposes."

"We have to deal with the reality that we are preparing ourselves to defend this country."

It's a new capacity for Elwell, who served as pastor of the Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church in Akron, Ohio, before entering the military in 1973. Since that time, he has functioned as a base chaplain and installation staff chaplain with responsibilities similar to most ministers in civilian life. During his last assignment, besides his base chapel ministry, he also was in charge of developing Christian Leadership Conferences for Army, Navy, and Air Force families in the United Kingdom.

"In my present job as a staff officer I don't have a parish flock or pulpit where I can preach on Sundays," he says. Instead, he is a pastor to Air Force pastors, working with the chaplains in the command on a day-to-day basis: listening to them, offering counsel, and encouraging them. "It involves a sense of family, learning more than just their names and statistics on a sheet of paper. I need to be in contact with these men and women in order to do my job right," he says.

And through all the simulated warfare, inspections, and readiness training, Jim Elwell's ministry resonates a satisfying purpose -- to prepare chaplains to minister effectively anywhere in the world, under any condition, and to allow fellow Americans an opportunity to worship and learn more about a living relationship with God.

"We work hard to prepare our military pastors to offer a caring ministry to troops through worship, counseling, visitation, Scripture studies, and morale building."

"It's so easy to focus on all the training workshops, deployments, and war plans, but what we are really trying to do is bring the Gospel to the men and women in uniform. Anywhere, any condition, any need, we're there," says Elwell. "That's what it's all about."



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Civil Disobedience Right or Wrong ?

by Charles W. Turner

Before I begin discussing civil disobedience, let me give you some background information on the reason for this article. I grew up in the Brethren church. Discussions on the subject of civil disobedience were generally confined to a theoretical problem and were usually centered on a discussion of Peter and the civil government during the time of Roman rule. We discussed such things as, "should Peter obey the government and authority and quit preaching the Gospel and upsetting everyone?"

After a quick pass through Romans and the other epistles, we reached a conclusion and God won out. This seemed to be a clear-cut case, but there were always a few dissenters who thought we should follow the government and let them take the responsibility.

Either conclusion was a mental exercise rather than an action of life. Our government permitted us to do what we believed with very little interference.

Their willingness to be arrested testifies to the depth of their conviction.

A few years ago, near the end of his life, Francis Schaeffer was in Washington, D.C. as the featured speaker for the National Association of Broadcasters. As he summed up the role of government in regards to the Christian, he made it rather clear that the time had come to stand up and be counted. If this involved civil disobedience, then so be it. Convictions counted and the time had come to be counted. I remember walking out into the cool Washington evening a bit disturbed by his comments. It did not set well with me at all.

Let me give you an idea of what civil disobedience meant to me. Civil disobedience meant going against a stated law of the civil government, protesting against it to the point that the law would be broken in the eyes of the government with a willingness to be punished for what was being done. Now I know this is a rather simplistic definition, but I think it describes most people's basic understanding of the term.

Time has passed, and I still did not think civil disobedience had become an issue with which our

fellowship had much concern. I was wrong. The issue of civil disobedience is very much alive and some of our ministers are actively discussing the subject. In meeting with some of the ministeriums, I have even talked with some pastors who are willing to exercise civil disobedience and be arrested for their convictions.

In these cases, the specific area of involvement centers around abortion. To protest at abortion clinics or to march for such a cause is not unheard of among us. It is a fact of life. Abortion certainly is something to be objected to and to speak out against. Is there a line to be drawn in the protest of such actions? Some would say, "yes", and others would say "no". I have recently talked with some of our pastors who say they are not only willing, but **plan** to be arrested at an abortion clinic as a visible protest against what they consider to be murder. You may or may not agree with the concept, but it is a present circumstance. Their willingness to be arrested testifies to the depth of their conviction. Those involved plan to submit themselves to the possibility of arrest and will do so without responding with violence.

We have spent too little time becoming aware of the social issues of our times.

If civil disobedience is acceptable at the abortion clinic, is it permissible in other circumstances? As Christians, many of us are more committed to speaking out vocally on current issues that affect us. There are also new areas where our commitment should reach beyond just words and move into the realm of action to back up our words.

We have spent too little time becoming aware of the social issues of our times. But the times are changing and involvement is growing.

It is time to commit some thought to these areas of involvement and to the practice of civil disobedience. Who knows -- you may be the one who is called to bail your minister out of jail on a Saturday night or decide to let him sit in jail and receive his morning worship service on the county-owned television set. ☐

WMC -- A Part of My Life . . . All Along

by Miriam Pacheco

Scene I

It's the glow that catches my eye.

I'm driving along Kings Highway in Winona Lake, IN, on a black, moonless night. As I pass the new Grace Brethren Missions Building, I have to slow down and just look at the glow. There are no bright lights focused on the outside of this new construction, just the large lighted display cases in the lobby shining through the front windows.

The thought that strikes me is that's what missions is all about -- a glow in the dark.



The former scene took place some years ago, but the part that missions has had in my life started long before that and is still going on.

Scene II

I am three years old, my sister is seven. We're going with Mother to a WMC meeting (as we did very often) and we're tired of waiting for her to get ready, so we start out on the six block walk alone. That doesn't sound so bad, except that it's dusk and we cross the river on a bridge without sidewalks. At the other side of the bridge we must wait for a long freight train to go

by. In the meantime, Mother discovers we're not waiting on the front porch anymore so the search begins. I don't remember anything about that meeting, but we did make it.

Scene III

I have so much fun going to SMM once a month. Pick any year of my life from fourth grade through 12th grade (unfortunately there was no Little Sisters then) and you'll see how missions became very important to me through these years of learning and doing. We enjoy being together as a group of "just girls." Of course we find special times like parties and bandage rolling sessions to invite the guys. We like to do the goals and earn the awards that our local WMC so generously provides.

I remember these things from SMM very well along with one more -- the ladies who spend time and energy and exercise much patience to be our leaders are women of WMC.

My mother is involved in WMC in many ways -- as a local officer or serving on the district level, and also as a member of the National Executive Committee. Daddy is always supportive and willing for her to be active in this serving way. These are years of getting to know missionaries personally, because many are family friends



and they are in our home often.

My sister is also committed to the service opportunities that WMC provides.

Scene IV

College life is so different. There's no immediate participation in SMM or WMC. But the missions challenge is very much in the forefront through chapel speakers, conferences and classmates who follow the Lord's direction in their lives.

Scene V

The natural progression follows that after all the exposure to WMC, I become an active member. It's great! The Lord provides opportunities to serve on the national board and what a learning experience that is. Leading a local council and taking part in district functions helps me get acquainted with more ladies. Missionaries that come to our home are not just friends of my parents anymore. They are our friends and classmates who have been faithful to follow the Lord to other cultures. It is our privilege to know them and pray for and encourage them in any way we can.

I agree with the WMC purpose of supporting both Home and Foreign Missions. I want to help accomplish that purpose, and be a part of the glow in the dark. ☼



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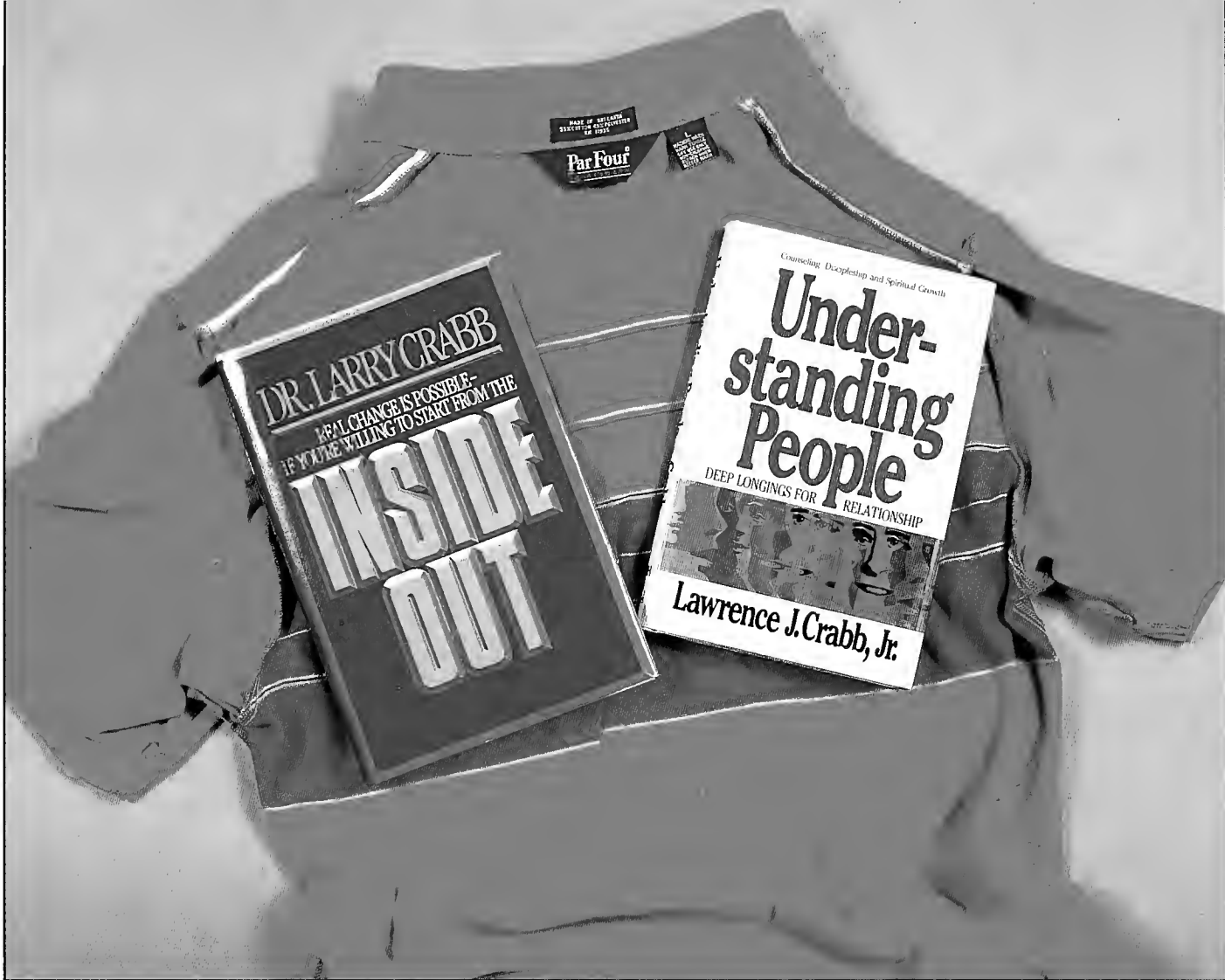
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John the Baptist and Church Growth

by Charles W. Turner

Times change and so do methods. You have to keep up or you just might be out of step with the times and not do things the "right" way. And we all know how important it is to be "state of the art".

This thought came to me during a discussion I was recently having with friends when the subject turned to church growth. A friend of mine, who belongs to another denomination, was telling me that his pastor had recently returned from a new church growth seminar. It seems the new concept of church growth is to go into the highways and the byways and check out your community. Last year it was calling them on the phone, but that proved to be too impersonal. The object of the game is to find out where people really are in life and then gear your program to fulfill the "needs" of your community.

If they are busy on certain nights, plan your program around that. If they don't read much, gear up the visuals. If they don't like to sing, let them listen. It may mean that you will have to change the services, drop a few things here and add a few there, but keep in mind that you are achieving the "state of the art".

The bottom line (that's a new good expression) is to work on their terms. That at least is what we are told. The evening after this enlightening discussion on church methods, I happened to read my Bible. The passage I ran across was the historical account of a fellow named John the Baptist.

Now, I know the Bible does not go into all of the details about the methods of church growth promoted by John, but I did pick up a few details. I do not think that John surveyed the community as to location. I would be surprised to hear that John surveyed people as to the acceptability of his message. He preached out on the banks of the Jordan and all the action was in the town of Jerusalem. He even selected his own hours and I don't believe he ever took a class in "career

apparel" or "dress for success." However, he did know the needs of the people. His location and speaking times may not have been to everyone's liking, but they did show up for the messages.

His visuals did not include overhead projectors or slides and pews were not provided, let alone the comfortable kind that has cushions. When I stop to think about it, I wonder if some of the folks needed air conditioning with John's type of message. The fact remains, John did get results and he did not cater to the whims of the hearers.

But now things are different. We want to make certain the music meets the tastes of our members and our hours fit their schedules. It could be called "Catered Christianity". It reminds me of the way we can get pizza delivered right to our doors.

Have we moved to the level where Paul warned us we would be? How about the itching ears that have to be scratched and the words that do not offend? After all, we are in the era of friendship evangelism. The premise is that we should become their buddy, but not upset them or offend them in any way. Ask them what they want the church to do for them and not what you can do for your church.

The end result is that our new found tools are working about as effectively as throwing marshmallows against the side of an elephant. We have come a long way. Have we reached the level that we have to ask the sinner what he *wants* instead of telling him what he *needs*? The direction of our ministry may lead to church growth, but I think John would have had trouble with the product. I suppose we would do well to remember that John was not named the Man of the Year in Jerusalem and he did manage to lose his head -- literally.

The "bottom line" is this. Jesus called John the greatest to be born of woman and that is a pretty good compliment coming from an awfully good source. ■

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Jesus is alive

"The angel said to the woman,
 "Do not be afraid,
 for I know that you are
 looking for Jesus,
 who was crucified.
 He is not here;
 He has risen,
 just as He said" . . .
 "He has risen from the dead."
 Matthew 28:5-7 (NIV)

"The Son is the radiance
 of God's glory and the exact
 representation of His being,
 sustaining all things by His powerful word.
 After He provided purification for our sins,
 He sat down at the right hand of
 the Majesty in heaven."
 Hebrews 1:3

"Now if we died with Christ, we believe that
 we will also live with Him. For we know that
 since Christ was raised from the dead, He
 cannot die again; death no longer has
 mastery over Him. The death He died, He
 died to sin once for all; but the life He lives,
 He lives to God. In the same way, count
 yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in
 Christ Jesus."

Romans 6:8-11

**How wonderful to know my Lord lives.
 Such joy and comfort that knowledge gives.
 Christ died to set me free from my sin.
 He lives so Heaven I'll enter in.
 Not a high priest who can't understand,
 He lived as a man, walked on this land.
 The hunger and pain He felt was real.
 He understands everything I feel.
 But He never sinned, He had no flaw.
 Jesus blamelessly followed God's law.
 The perfect high priest He is for me:
 loving, forgiving, eternally.**



75 Years of Grace

Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, CA

Seventy-five years, four pastors and two locations later, Grace Brethren Church energetically serves the spiritual needs of Long Beach, California.

It all began on Sunday, October 13, 1912 when evangelist Louis S. Bauman held a tent meeting on the corner of Tenth Street and Walnut Avenue. As a result of this meeting, 71 people professed faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and 49 of them expressed a desire to become charter members of what was to become the First Brethren Church of Long Beach.

Although it was Dr. Bauman's plan to stay only a short time, he returned to Long Beach after finishing his scheduled meetings to begin his ministry as the first pastor on April 6, 1913. His ministry continued until August of 1946 -- a 33-year term of service.

On Sunday, July 20, 1913, the first unit of the original church building was dedicated at 5th and Cherry. Later, on November 24, 1929, the completely remodeled old church was dedicated. It was so thoroughly changed that it was considered a new building. The new Bible School addition in itself was larger than the original structure. The



Dr. Louis S. Bauman



Dr. Richard Mayhue, Senior Pastor

rebuilt auditorium seated 1,000 people and served as an efficient meeting place until it was destroyed by fire in 1964.

Dr. Bauman was a leader in foreign missions and theological education, being among the men responsible for the establishment of Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana.

On October 1, 1946, Dr. Charles Mayes and his family moved to Long Beach to begin a ministry that lasted until March of 1968. Dr. Mayes left his position on the faculty of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and the pastorate of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church of South Pasadena to take on the ministry at Grace. He's noted for being a leader in the Christian day school movement.

In the late forties, great progress was made in the establishment of Brethren Schools. Albert Flory was called to be the principal of the first school, which originally met at Seal Beach Brethren Church, and later at 60th and Orange. Property purchased in 1944 for the purpose of starting a Christian School was sold in 1949, and the income was used to finance the property and construction at Orange and Alondra for Brethren High School.

Through the years the church has also been known for its active ministry in establishing other Brethren churches in the area. More than a score of churches in Southern California trace their roots to Grace.

On May 23-24, 1964, the old building associated with so many of God's blessings and a landmark



Dr. Charles Mayes

of the community was destroyed. In six hours, the raging fire set by an arsonist consumed the building at Fifth and Cherry, where the First Brethren Church had been housed for fifty years. Tears flowed as hundreds of members of the congregation helplessly watched the hard work of the Long Beach Fire Department. Although the firemen were able to save the building sufficiently for salvage of the office area and a portion of the Sunday School equipment, the building burned from a few minutes before midnight until after five o'clock in the morning.

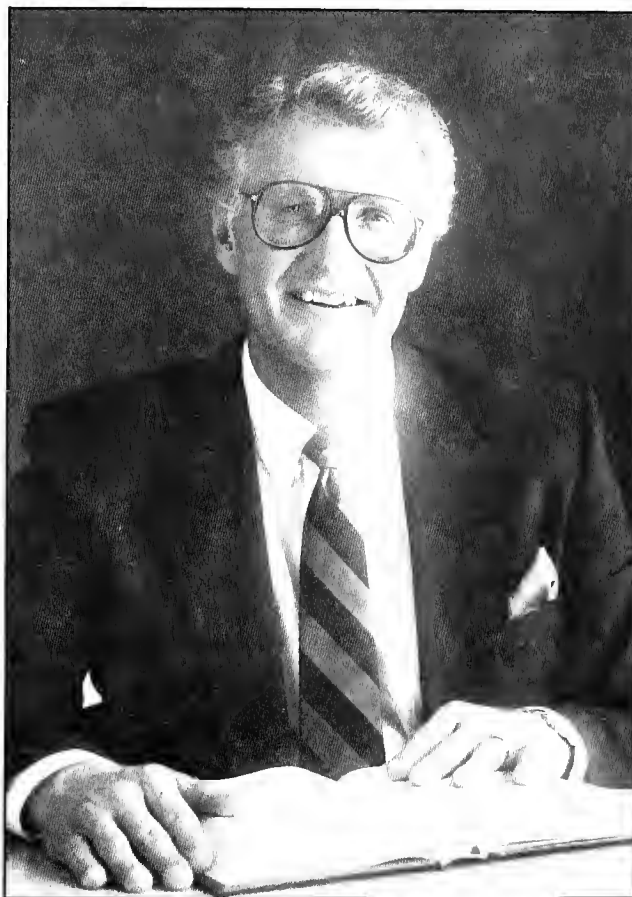
The church building was gone, but great services were held that same day, May 24th, at Brethren High School. Dr. Mayes' theme was that of Joseph . . . an illustration of a deed meant for evil which "God meant for good." The fire meant the launching of a greater, more dedicated and determined effort by the congregation to expand God's work.

For two years and eight months, the services of the First Brethren Church were held at Brethren High School while the rebuilding program was underway. The land at Fifth and Cherry was sold and a new location was chosen for the new structure -- the corner of 36th and Linden.

On January 29, 1967, the facilities at 36th and Linden housed its first Sunday Services. On March 10, 1968, the completed church was dedicated to the Lord. Then, Dr. Charles Mayes retired as the pastor in March of 1968.

In January 1968, David Hocking came from the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio, which he had planted. For the next two months, February and March, "Pastor Dave" and his family made the transition from Ohio to California. He spent much of his time learning about the ministry here in Long Beach from his "spiritual father," Dr. Mayes.

In 1974, Pastor Hocking founded the Grace Graduate School and Bible Institute, formerly the Western Schools of Church Growth. On January 22, 1978, the church membership unanimously voted to change the name of the church from the First Brethren Church to "Grace" Brethren Church of Long Beach.



Dr. David Hocking

During Hocking's ministry, Grace experienced its largest congregation with attendance exceeding 2,000. Dr. Hocking, a highly respected Bible expositor, resigned in 1982 and moved to an independent Bible church in the Southern California area.

For 20 months Grace Brethren found itself in an interim position until the man of God's choice could be located. Having asked Dr. Richard Mayhue on two previous occasions to come, it finally was God's timing on the third invitation. He preached on April 1st and with an encouraging

vote of confidence (99%), Dick, "B," Lee and Wade arrived on the third of June 1984 to be the church's fourth pastor.

These became years of reassessment, redirection, rekindling and rebuilding. Many long-term debts were paid off during this period and all of the facilities were refurbished and restored to new condition.

During these adventuresome years, Grace Christian Elementary School made a decision to double its enrollment over a seven year period. 1993 will see the completion of this expansion.

In 1987, Grace Graduate School went out of existence. Immediately in its place Grace Theological Seminary -- West Coast Campus came into existence as a fully accredited seminary. Grace Bible Institute redirected its efforts and enrollment began to climb.

Brethren Junior and Senior High School had been solely owned and operated by Grace Brethren Church since 1948. In 1984, when the ministry was at a low ebb, the school was reincorporated to involve six area churches. Since that time enrollment has climbed steadily with maximum enrollment in sight for 1990. Plans are being made presently to consider relocation to meet the growing ministry needs.

With the comprehensive change of leadership, there came an equally dramatic change in the cross section of the congregation. By 1987 at least 50 percent of the people who worshipped at Grace had come since 1983. Some milestones since then include:

- Sending out over 75 people into full-time Christian service.
- Pioneering new Grace Brethren mission fields in Japan, Philippines, Mali and Cameroon.
- The penetration of five unreached people groups in Mali, Mexico and Japan.

- 41 churches planted in America and overseas.
- Identifying and discipling over 30 people who are preparing for full-time Christian ministry.
- Planting Grace Cambodian Church at 36th and Linden in the fall of 1986 with Vek Huong Taing as pastor.
- Planting Iglesia Evangelica de los Hermanos at 36th and Linden with Al Ramirez as pastor in the fall of 1987.
- Major remodeling of the educational facilities to accommodate a growing elementary school ministry, weekly ministries and Sunday opportunities.

In the fall of 1988, God orchestrated a grand crescendo to the first 75 years. Grace Brethren Church sent Chris Suitt and Mikal Smith to Moreno Valley in Southern California for a church plant. Bess Farrell departed for a year of missionary service in Mexico. As members of Wycliffe's translation team, Randy and Sherry Jones were commissioned to work in the Cameroon; plus we dispatched Tris and Carolyn Swan for short-term service with Don and Betty Hocking also in Cameroon. If that was not enough, we baptized every Sunday of the last month (8 people).

The folks at Grace have celebrated their blessed past and are anticipating a fruitful future -- all for God's glory!

Dr. John MacArthur capped off the first 75 years and launched the next seventy-five on January 8, 1989 with the theme, "New Passions." The folks at Grace have celebrated their blessed past and are anticipating a fruitful future -- all for God's glory.

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N.I.V. Gospels in Jail Ministry in Georgia

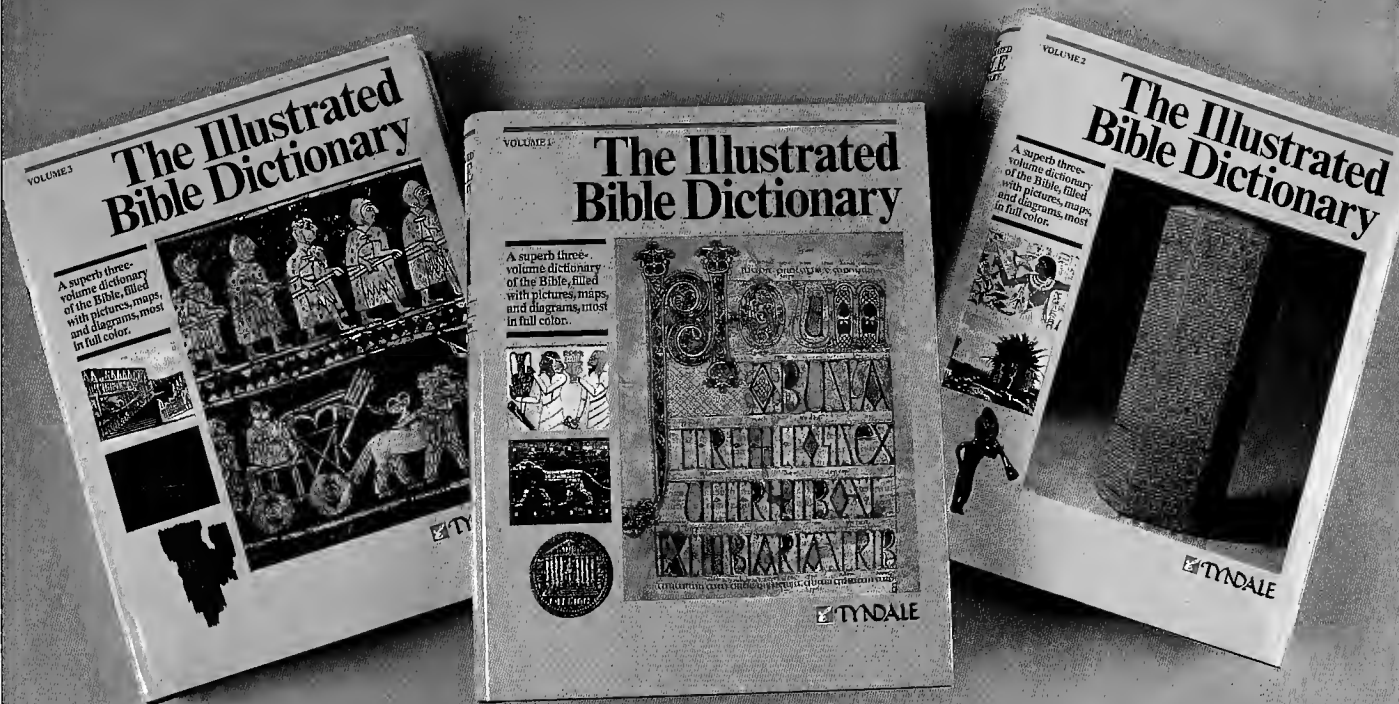
Pastor Dean Fetterhoff of Marietta, Georgia reports that inmates of the Cobb County jail are eagerly receiving the N.I.V. study editions of the Gospel of John which were obtained through the *Herald*. The distribution of the Gospels is part of the new jail ministry of Grace Brethren Church, and approximately 100 copies have been given to the men and women of the jail which has a population of 700. The pastor or one of the men of the church conducts the monthly chapel service. At the close of the most recent service when Pastor Fetterhoff spoke from the N.I.V. Gospel he related,

"It was a thrill to see nearly a third of the men and women present raise their hands in response to my asking if they wanted this copy of God's Word." Your prayers are requested for this ministry and like ministries of other G.B.C. churches in the nation.

European Field Council Meets

All Grace Brethren missionaries from France, England, Germany and Spain gathered at Ramislof, France March 6-10 for the annual European Field Council meeting. Guest speaker for the meetings was Pastor Dean Fetterhoff of Marietta, Georgia whose message theme was, "Laboring Joyfully In The Harvest." Approximately 70 people were involved including missionary children.

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Persistence Pays in Church Planting

by Margie Morris

Squeezed between the Oubangui River and a small mountain, Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic, is home for 400,000 of the country's 2,445,000 inhabitants. Founded as a colonial post in 1889, Bangui is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1989. For over 60 of those years Grace Brethren people have been involved in church planting throughout the country.

The early missionary efforts were directed toward smaller villages. It was in a small village in the North where Bero Jacques and his twin brother were born to Christian parents. His rich Christian heritage and early contact with missionaries has helped him in founding the Bangui-MPoko church, one of the newest Grace Brethren churches in Bangui. This door was opened wide for Bero, but only after several doors were slammed shut.

It was Bero's desire to go to the theological preparatory school. He passed the entrance exam, but the door was slammed shut: there were two candidates from the same church and only one could go. With the counsel of his parents, he stepped aside and let the other person go while he continued his studies elsewhere.



Choosing a high school in Bouar, Bero didn't forget his desire to serve the Lord. He was a leader in a Christian youth movement as well as the president of his church choir.

While most students in third world countries are drawn to the big cities in search of higher education and employment, Bero was brought to Bangui by the illness of his father. Unable to leave his father (who has since recovered), Bero looked

for a public school to complete his last year, however, for a while nothing was available. He then attended a small private school which denied him one of the few diplomas given. Bero pleaded with God, "Lord, if you would allow me to finish my last year of school and get my diploma, I would give myself to your service." God answered his prayer and he received his diploma.

Not long afterward, God tested Bero's commitment to serve Him by presenting again the opportunity to study. There were openings being publicized for the Brethren School of Theology at Bata. He recounts, "the thing I dreamed of for a long time presented itself again. I had to make a decision." His most trying times were yet ahead.

Bero was the only person to enter the Bible school from Bangui that year. He was finally fulfilling his dream. Toward the end of his studies rumors in his home church caused him great sadness. He and another student were told that their churches didn't want them any more. (He never did say what the problem was.) These two students encouraged themselves by saying, "the essential thing is not to return directly to our churches, but to receive our diplomas and to serve the Lord no matter where He sends us."

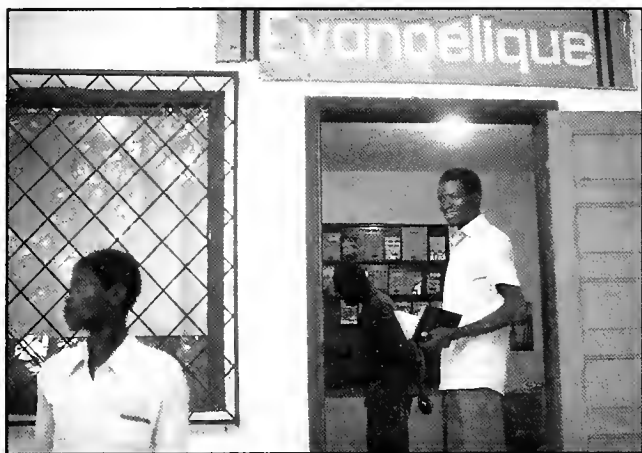
Arriving back in Bangui, Bero went directly to the church council to present himself. He thanked them for praying for him and expressed his desire to work in the church to help other young people. Bero knew something was wrong in the church when two men said they never prayed for him nor even mentioned his name while he was away at school. He said, "You refuse my thanks. I thank you anyway. I will leave you." The door slammed hard this time.

Bero looked for a church to pastor, but his home church influenced the others in the city against him. It was at this time he was hired to work in the mission bookstore.

Bero's heart's desire was to pastor a church. Since no existing church would have him at that time, he dreamed and prayed to start a new church where there was no evangelical witness.

Having resolved the problem with the district pastors, Bero preached at all of the churches in Bangui sharing his vision of a new church near the airport. He went to his parents for their support in prayer.

Having now received authorization to begin evangelizing from the other Bangui pastors, Bero



wandered through the target neighborhood on his bike. It was November 6, 1986. He saw a Catholic church and knew he needed to go further. He saw a house with a big yard and stopped in front. "Lord, if it is here that you want me to begin Your work, bring me to the owner of this property." The owner sat in front and invited him in and offered him a chair. Bero asked the man where he and his family went to church. As it turns out, the man was a deacon in another one of our Brethren churches. Bero thought, "this is just what I was looking for." The doors opened wide this time.

The man said a church couldn't meet at his house because he worked for the government and could be moved at any time. Bero suggested, "We can start by praying that God would show us where we could meet." These two men agreed to meet the next day to pray together. Their prayers were confident. "Nothing is impossible with God. He can do whatever He wants. The earth is his, nothing hinders Him."

Bero went back, but this time it was not to pray. He came with a pocket full of tracts. During the third day the two men distributed them. That same evening they gathered 30 people to sing and read the Bible verses. The next day 50 people gathered. At the end of the week, 70 people met in front of the man's house. They felt it would be good to build a meeting place so they made a palm branch enclosure that day. Bero told his new flock, "we must meet here on Sunday so that our service will be normal like all other churches with a message, songs, and an invitation to Christ." Soon afterward, a women's, men's, girl's and boy's group was formed. Even a choir was formed.

The rapid growth of the Bangui-MPoko church represents a combination of the conversion growth, but especially, transfer growth. With transportation lacking in this country, it is easier to go to a church in the local neighborhood. Currently the church has around 350 people attending services. The church purchased land in the center of the neighborhood not far from the

original site believing that if they had a centrally located meeting place they could easily win many people quickly. This turned out to be the case. The tin roofing has already been purchased for the church and they are now raising funds for the wooden supports.

In addition to pastoral responsibilities, Bero also sells books in the Evangelical Bookstore located on the mission property. The bookstore is not only a place to buy books, but is used as a point for evangelization and sharing the promises of God, and to put into practice the Word of God. After one man accepted Jesus, Bero told him, "You must grow by reading the Bible and by talking to God of your desires. You must meet with others in a church and give your testimony to friends."

This new church and the other 27 churches in Bangui are growing churches. In contrast to the relatively small Bangui-MPoko church, the Castors church, built in 1958, is the home church for 2500 participants meeting in two Sunday services, first in French and then in Sango. **Please pray** for a solid foundation for the rapidly growing African church. **Pray** for the pastors as they protect their flocks in a country where cult groups are growing just as quickly as the evangelicals. **Pray** that the number of pastors trained can fill the present and future needs of the church as several Bangui churches do not currently have pastors. 📖





"Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, 'We are going to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!'"

Matthew 20:17-19

*Weak? Nay! He was master of them all! Then why did He die?
What is the answer to the mystery of . . .*

The Tragedy of the Cross

by the late Dr. Louis S. Bauman

We live in a world of tragedy. From that tragic day when the cherubim of God drew their swords and drove our first parents out of Eden, until these last days when the history of the world has been largely tragedy upon tragedy.

Of all the tragic ages, the greatest tragedy ever enacted took place on a skull-shaped rock just outside the gates of Jerusalem. There, with the blood oozing from a hundred gashes upon His scourged back; with a mass of wicked thorns embedded in His brow; with cruel spikes tearing the tender flesh of His hands and feet; with the venomous spittle of men running down over His face; with the cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" bursting through His parched lips, the Lord of glory lifted His eyes toward the skies, and cried, "It is finished!" Then He dismissed His spirit, bowed His head, and died. The depth of the meaning of that tragedy no man will ever fathom -- the eternal God insulted by every possible insult, and spiked upon the accursed tree.

If we are to have the slightest understanding of that tragedy, there is one common error that must never be allowed to creep into our minds. That error is that Jesus Christ, upon that tree, died the death of a martyr. A martyr is one hopelessly unable to protect himself against those who seek his life. Every picture we have ever seen of the Christ in the hands of His enemies on that terrible night, has been the picture of a man with a martyr's visage, hopelessly weak and unable to defend himself from the torments of His murderers. Just the opposite is true. On that night, Jesus, the Christ, was the mightiest, the

kingliest, and most majestic of them all. Spineless throngs, led by Pontius Pilate, surged around Him -- a mass of humanity morally weak, spiritually weak, physically weak. He alone was strong.

Recall that scene! He was praying in Gethsemane. He heard the stealthy tread of approaching feet. "A great multitude with swords and staves," with Judas, the traitor, and the soldiers of Caesar leading on. Jesus arose. He shot one glance of the eye that could pierce the fathomless depths of a universe, and backwards they went, falling like dead men to the ground.

Then, in marvelous submission, He stretched forth His mighty arms for the bonds saying: "Proceed! I'll go with you, now that you know you cannot take Me." Listen to His words: "I lay down my life . . . No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again." Behold! What a sight! Feeble men leading "the Lion of the Tribe of Judah" as a lamb to the slaughter!

They led Him into the judgment hall. Pilate shouted at Him: "Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" The almighty Lord quickly responded to that boast: "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above."

Weak? Nay! He was master of them all! Then, why did He die? Ah! That is the question. And there is only one answer: the death of the Christ must have been one awful necessity! Paul gave the only possible explanation. Jesus Christ was of God "set forth to be a propitiation through

faith in his blood . . . for the remission of sins."

All of which means that God of this universe sits upon a throne established in absolute justice. God must be just! Great as is His love and mercy, He cannot dispense His love or His mercy at the expense of His justice.

Now, justice demands: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." When that decree went forth from the lips of divine justice, instantly the problem of the just, yet merciful God, became: "How can I be just and yet save the transgressor of My holy law from the death he so justly deserves?" There *was* -- there is only one answer: The penalty of broken law must be paid before the guilty can be saved; divine justice must be satisfied. That called for the cross on Calvary. Jesus Christ could die, descend into hell, and then, in His might, rip the hinges from the gates of hell, and arise a victor. The guilty sinner has no such power. Therefore Christ took the sinner's place and paid the price. "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: . . . the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Now, we know why He yielded himself into the jaws of the hounds of hell. Now we know why He did not respond to His tormentors when they mockingly cried: "If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross . . . He saved others"; they sneered, "himself he cannot save." They spoke more truly than they knew.

No my friends, you will never, never, never understand the mystery of the tragedy of the cross, until you understand that "it was love, not nails, that held Him there!" ■

The Ingredients of A Witness

by Ron E. Thompson

A most fascinating word found often in the New Testament is the word, "witness." In ancient times a witness was a tangible memorial such as the heap of stones Jacob raised as a memorial between himself and Laban (Genesis 31:52). A witness is one who gives a testimony, and one of the commandments is that we should not bear false witness against our neighbor (Exodus 20:16). God has never been without a witness (Acts 14:17). The prophets bore witness to Christ, as did the very works of Christ. Witnessing, as viewed from the standpoint of the Great Commission in Acts 1:8 is a commitment to the Savior, having come to know Him in the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings. Our word "martyr" is related to that same word, implying the concept of suffering. The early Christians sealed their testimony with human blood as witnesses -- martyrs for the Lord.

A good definition of a witness was given by the ex-Communist Wittaker Chambers, who testified in the Alger Hiss trial that shook our nation many years ago. He said, "I was a witness. I do not mean witness for the Government or against Alger Hiss and the others. Nor do I mean the short, squat, solitary figure, trudging through the impersonal halls of public buildings to testify before congressional committees, grand juries . . . courts of law. A man is not primarily a witness **against** something. A witness . . . is a man whose life and faith are so completely one that when the challenge comes to step out and testify for his faith, he does so, disregarding all risks, accepting all consequences." It is to such a witness that God calls each of us today.

Four words make up the ingredients of the witness God calls us to give:

1. SPEAKING

The Great Commission involves a verbal proclamation. When the authorities tried to silence the mouths of Peter and John, they replied, "we cannot stop speaking what we have seen or heard" (Acts 4:20). It was the Holy Spirit Who opened the believers' mouths and caused them to speak as He "gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). Regardless of your gifts, the Spirit can use your lips, your voice,

your words to speak for Him. He will tell you what to say, how to say it, and when, just as He did the disciples.

2. SHOWING

It is not just our words, but our deeds and actions that testify of our faith. We are living epistles, known and read of all men. Our lives are like a stage upon which the drama of redemption is played out before the audience of the world. This demands that we be real, not phonies. Richard C. Halverson comments, "Witnessing is not just something a Christian says, but what a Christian is! Of course words are important -- but they are no substitute for Christ-like demeanor. Pious language cannot camouflage profane practice."

3. SERVING

The first Christians pooled their resources and gave to the poor and needy, showing love and hospitality in an unselfish way. It was not to look good before others or to gain an audience for the Gospel, but because they had a genuine love and concern for people. Social concern and action make up a part of the mosaic of our Christian witness.

4. SUFFERING

If the world hated Jesus, the Faithful Witness (Rev. 1:5), it will hate us also. Adoniram Judson, missionary to Burma, after months of imprisonment tried to get permission to preach the Gospel in a certain area, but the godless ruler of that region said, "My people will not listen to anything other missionaries might **say**, but I fear they might be impressed by your **scars** and turn to religion." There is a risk associated with being a witness.

Are these ingredients evident in your life and testimony?



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Women with a Vision

by **Betty Ogden**
National WMC President

Why are we so limited as Christians in what we accomplish for Christ?

As new believers we are enthusiastic and childlike in our trust in God, but as time goes on we lose the joy of the Christian life and we become passive about the work God is doing all over the world.

What limits God's work in our world? In John 14:12, the Lord said to His disciples, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I am doing." So it is our lack of faith that limits God.

Ladies, let us dream great dreams, plan great plans and pray great prayers in the final year of this decade. Though some of our WMC members are entering retirement years, we should not be satisfied to "become spectators in the

bleachers" -- God wants us to be "players on the field." We need to increase our vision and consecrate ourselves to the work of missions around the world. We need to pray that God will lay the work of missions on the hearts of many more of the younger women in our Grace Brethren churches. We need to support our pastors and the ministries of our local churches. We need to pray that God will enable us in WMC to go over the top in financial goals to Foreign and Home Missions, Grace Schools, Christian Ed, the Stewardship Service and the work of SMM. We have not begun to see all the things God wants to do through us!



Thank You

Dear Ladies of WMC,

It doesn't seem long ago that our national executive committee proposed financial aid to assist in the meals of Candidate School, December 28 -- January 7. However, that proposal and discussion of reorganizing the participation of the Candidate School of Hospitality took place last summer during the WMC Board Meetings. Candidate School is now past and I would like to share with you the positive results of that proposal.

I applied this gift of money towards the meat or main part of the meals and asked for volunteers from the four local churches: Winona Lake, Warsaw, Leesburg and Sidney, to carry in the salads and desserts. Sharing meals in this way worked out well and our sixteen candidates and eight staff were very appreciative of the involvement of so many helpful ladies in making possible all these attractive meals.

So to each of you, participating through your district, thank you for helping to make mealtime an exciting time for our missionary candidates and guests this year. Many of them arrived not knowing the others very well; they parted, as a family, in tears. Between you and me, I believe that much bonding took place around the tables!

In appreciation,
Doris Julien

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From Florida to Alaska: God Changes People

by Jesse B. Deloe

What do a backslidden single parent, a troubled married couple, a "nominal" Christian, a young married lady, and an Air Force sergeant have in common? There may be many answers, but in this instance, what is common to these individuals is that they are all active in Grace Brethren home mission churches.

Their stories picture for us the kind of people who make up home mission congregations. Here are five testimonies of some who are pioneering in new Grace Brethren Churches across the country from Florida to Alaska.

Pastor Chuck Davis of the Grace Brethren Church in Ocala, Florida, tells about one of his members whose life has been changed dramatically. "Marlene is like many other Christians," he says. "She knew Christ as Savior and yet she willfully disobeyed God's principles. She continued in sin when she knew it was wrong and what she must do to correct it. She even tried to witness while living in sin. God finally convicted her of this sin and her willful disobedience. Since she has repented and rededicated her life to Him, she has been very faithful to the Lord."

Here is Marlene's story in her own words.

"My name is Marlene Mausolf. I came to a saving knowledge of the Lord in December 1974. And yet with this knowledge, there have been times in

my life when I have chosen not to trust God for my immediate future and have taken things into my own hands and with great deliberation chosen to sin against my Lord.

"Being a single parent and assistant manager over 50 men and women on a horse farm, I knew the Lord had entrusted me with much responsibility to be a witness for Him, and yet, serving



Marlene Mausolf

self triumphed. Although I separated myself from the church, the Lord gave me Christians to

share where we were falling short and to build each other up with the challenges of God's Word.

"The Lord allowed me to develop pneumonia which took me out of my busy seven-day-a-week schedule and left me alone with my sin and the Word. I tried to work on making a good situation out of bad, but this was not to be. All my daughter's life I preached against the very thing I was doing, and it was humbling to live before her, stripped of my pride continually.

*"My heart broke before the Lord,
knowing how much He loved me
and how much He suffered
for me."*

"While in a laundromat one day, I found a Baptist Sunday School quarterly on one of the tables. I began to read it and took it home and finished it. The lesson was about Hezekiah and how faithful he had been to his calling. He had challenged Israel to be faithful, and when he was sick and near death, he reminded the Lord of his unwavering faithfulness and asked the Lord to extend his life. The Lord honored Hezekiah and gave him additional years. My heart broke before the Lord, knowing how much He loved me and how much He suffered for me, but still, I would not be faithful. I made plans at that moment to put my unfaithfulness behind me and did so, and God gave me back my peace.

"It would be yet another year until I could face people with my sin. In July of 1988 I did return to church. Pastor Chuck was preaching on Joshua 7, that Achan had to bring his sin before the congregation. The preacher didn't even know me, but the Lord had him prepare that sermon just for me. The Spirit within me lifted me up and forward I went. I introduced myself and told of my sin and decision to forsake it, and the people welcomed me with open arms and hearts.

"God has continued to bless my decision in giving me an opportunity to serve in children's church and to help my daughter learn to take her Christianity more seriously and practically. He has given me boldness in my testimony again and continues to open doors to share with my brothers and sisters in Christ and those without the Lord. My

prayers are filled full and unhindered, and I have the prayer support and fellowship of a Christ-centered church."

Can Christ meet the mental and emotional needs of troubled people? Pastor Greg Stamm would give a strong, affirmative answer. He relates the story of one such couple who are now a part of the Grace Brethren Church of Lancaster, Ohio.

Chris Reale was raised in Mansfield, Ohio, in a Bible-teaching church. He came to know Christ as his Savior at about the age of 15. His first marriage ended in divorce, and ensuing problems caused him to admit himself into a psychiatric hospital.

Mindy's mom left her and two sisters while she was quite young. She spent most of her childhood in foster homes with several foster parents. She was abused by an alcoholic father. Like Chris, her first marriage ended in divorce, and she admitted herself into a psychiatric hospital. In fact, it was the same one where Chris was a patient. They met on November 18, 1985.

Chris knew that Jesus Christ was the answer.

Chris knew that Jesus Christ was the answer to his and Mindy's problems, but he was struggling. After their release from the hospital and subsequent marriage, they began to raise a family. Mindy came to feel that she was not coping with life and called the county Family Counseling Center for help. She told a counselor there that she was having problems raising the children.

A case worker from the children's services department came to the Reales' house to visit. Keith Feisel was the counselor who called on Mindy. He is a faithful worker in the Lancaster, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church and he told her that she needed Christ and invited her to church. She started coming and at the end of the worship service on August 23, 1987, she walked forward to receive Jesus Christ. That same week, her husband made the decision to rededicate himself to the Lord.

Chris and Mindy now host a Bible study and work in the nursery at the Lancaster G.B.C. They are also active witnesses to unsaved friends, family, and fellow employees.

Chris wants everyone to know that no matter how rough life might be, the Lord Jesus Christ can see a person through the trials. Mindy states that the only way to have the true peace and joy is to put Christ first in every area of life. Both of them have discovered through experience that counseling, apart from Scripture, had no benefit for them, but that the Bible contains the solution to people's problems.

Randy Jordan of the Grace Brethren Church in Greensburg, PA, shares his experience in coming to serve the Lord actively in a new home missions church.

"I grew up in a Christian home and attended the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church near Cleveland, Ohio. Like so many who grow up in Christian homes, I just assumed I was a Christian, as it was something I had always heard about as long as I could remember.

"One Sunday I was changing clothes after returning home from the morning service, and I realized what I had heard again and again about accepting Christ as **personal** Savior. I couldn't be certain I had ever made that decision. It was at that time I did pray to receive Christ as my personal Lord and Savior.

"Today we are involved at Greensburg as one of the original families in the Grace Brethren Church. I'm thankful that the Lord has given us a healthy children's ministry (10 regulars, 2 on the way, and many visitors as of late) and allowed me to coordinate that ministry in our church. As we look ahead, the children are the future leaders of our church, and I'm thankful that I can be a part of the molding years of their lives.

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"Praise God for the vision of Grace Brethren Home Missions and the support they've been to us in getting started. Just recently we were forced to look for a new meeting place. Thanks to Home Missions and their vision for the future, we were able to find a strategically located and very efficient facility that will serve us for many years to come."

(**Ed. Note:** Ron Smals is pastor of the church which is now meeting in Export, PA.)

The following testimony relates the story of Chuck DuCharme, a military man who came to the Lord in the service and has now found his way to fellowship in the ministry of the Grace Brethren Church in North Pole, AK.

"I was a rowdy Air Force sergeant living in California who had recently re-enlisted and was moving to a new base. I was leaving behind my Harley Davidson buddies and a long record of immoral living, some of which had caused me great trouble. Because of some of these troubles, I vowed to try to learn more about God in the church of my childhood days.

"Before moving to my next base, I went to

Kansas to visit my family. When I arrived, I found out my brother, who had had problems with drugs, had quit using them and was going to church. Since it wasn't the church my parents went to, they wanted me to make sure he wasn't involved in some cult; if he was, we were going to get him out, as my father said, 'even if it took a little violence.'

"When I visited that church, I found the people friendly, and one of them gave me a Bible. I left for my next assignment in England, got married, and continued to struggle with alcohol. We visited various churches, but I continued to argue that none of them was like the church I was used to.

"One day I decided to sit down with a Bible and find out for myself what it said. I buried myself in God's Word for four months and read it from beginning to end. After that, I went into the woods behind our house and called on Christ to be my Lord and Savior. We began having devotions, and a short time later, my wife and three older children came to Christ.

"Since that time I've had some experience teaching Bible studies and even did some street preaching in England.

"We have now been transferred to Alaska. We began to search this area for a church home and have settled into a Grace Brethren home missions church (Ed. note: where Bob Gentzel is the pastor). I feel that the Lord may want me to preach and when we get out of the Air Force, we want to be part of a church planting ministry. We are getting to see some of that first hand here in North Pole, Alaska."

One final testimony comes first hand, from a young, married lady who relates an all too common experience: unwed pregnancy. Cheryl Underwood's story was told in the November 1985 issue of *CAMPUS LIFE*. Now, more than three years later, she is happily married and active in the Grace Brethren Church of Lakeland, FL, where Jim Taylor is the pastor.

"I was raised in the church and made a decision to accept Christ. However, I believe I was just scared to go to hell. As a result, I desperately tried working for my salvation. This turned into a flip-flop life. One day I was high in the Lord, the next day I was high on marijuana.

The Lord is blessing me and teaching me so much.

"I entered college and did a steady decline from my Christian walk to a depressed person attempting suicide. Fortunately, I still feared God, and therefore foiled my attempts to kill myself. After breaking up with a boyfriend with whom I had become very physical, I was crushed and tried to kill myself again.

"Following several weeks of depression I met an acquaintance in a bar and we went out for the next few nights. I wanted to pick up where my other boyfriend left off, and we did. During summer break I discovered I was pregnant. I wanted an abortion, but my father lovingly gave me the option of adoption.

"During that time my heart was still heavy. The Lord told me to come home, and I did. A heavy burden was lifted and I was able to endure the rest of the pregnancy and give my baby away to a loving, Christian family.

"I started going to the Grace Brethren Church in Lakeland almost a year after my baby was born. I was baptized and have grown tremendously since I've been there. Most of the people in the church don't know my testimony, but I feel the Lord telling me it's time to tell.

"After returning to college, I got my degree and met a wonderful Christian man and got married. My husband and I are working as youth workers and helping to guide them and work with them spiritually. The Lord is blessing me and teaching me so much. I'm starting to get involved with my sorority at college. Those girls need the Lord as much as I did when I was in school."

People like these you've read about are involved in more than 40 home mission churches in all stages of conception and growth. They include suburban and rural congregations like your own perhaps, but there are some that are quite different, too. There's a church ministering largely to blacks in Atlanta, Georgia; a new inner city effort in Philadelphia; and three churches in the Southwest with Navajo congregations and pastors; for examples.

We'll include more testimonies in future issues of the *Herald* to acquaint you with what your gifts are doing and what your faithful praying has made possible: the changing of people as they come into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ through the ministry of Grace Brethren home mission churches.



Jesse Deloe is the Director of Ministry Support at Grace Brethren Home Missions. He is a graduate of Indiana University and Grace Theological Seminary. He lives with his wife Gladys in Winana Lake, Indiana, where they are members of the Grace Brethren Church.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

NEWS UPDATE

Custer Resigns Strategy Committee

Pastor James Custer has resigned from the Strategy Committee of the National Fellowship, after serving on the committee since it began several years ago. Other members are Tom Julien and Ed Trenner. His resignation was presented to the Fellowship Council at the meeting in Worthington, OH in mid-January. Further appointments to the committee have been made by the Fellowship Council. The purpose of the strategy committee was to explore the possibilities and the future of the national fellowship.



seen steady growth since that time. The church is now averaging nearly 200 in attendance and forsee expansion of the building in 1989. Palm Harbor is a bedroom community of Tampa and Clearwater with a population of 65,000 people which grows each year. Kurt Miller, pastor.

Eternity Magazine Publishes Final Issue

Eternity, a monthly evangelical news magazine, printed its last issue in January. Lack of interest was the reason for its folding as well as financial problems. It was started 38 years ago by Dr. Donald Gray Barnhouse. There were 29,000 subscribers at the time of its discontinuance and this was not a large enough base from which to successfully operate.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OH: Wesley Haller has completed twenty years of ministry at the Grace Brethren Church. The ministry has been divided into two periods of time. He preached for fifteen years and then ministered in Pennsylvania. He has now completed five more years at Middlebranch, and is back to work following a brief problem with heart trouble.

PALM HARBOR, FL. The recently self-supporting home missions Grace Brethren Church in Palm Harbor, FL, dedicated its new 6,800 sq. ft. facility in October 1988, and has

FISH SEMINAR: The Lititz Grace Brethren Church, Lititz, PA, is sponsoring a fish clinic on March 18. The meeting will begin with a breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at the Enck's Baron Steigel Restaurant in Manheim.

The clinic is designed for the beginner as well as the seasoned bass fisher and will focus on such topics as the selection of equipment, structure fishing, lure selection, casting techniques, and contour map reading. Highlighting the morning seminar will be the showing of the award-winning color motion picture "Bigmouth." This 55-minute film traces the life cycle of the largemouth bass with underwater cameras.

Dr. John Davis, author of eleven books, president of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, who has his own outdoor radio program and authors a weekly newspaper column entitled "Outdoor Scene"; will conduct the seminar. Dr. Davis has fished the waters of North and Central America, Europe and parts of the Middle East.

The fishing clinic will feature several sessions concluding at noon. Tickets for the event may be purchased through the Lititz Grace Brethren Church office, 501 W. Lincoln Ave., Lititz. The \$4.00 fee includes breakfast and the seminar.

Doorprizes will be given throughout the course of the morning. For additional information on the clinic, phone the Lititz church office weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. -- Telephone No. 717/626/2155.

BMH Books Receive National Recognition

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The second recognition of a BMH imprinted book is the National Award of Christian Book Sellers Association. The book published by Zondervan and imprinted by BMH is *Understanding People* by Dr. Larry Crabb. This year, *Understanding People* was awarded the Gold Medallion Award by CBA, which is one of the highest honors that can be presented in the Evangelical Religious Community.

BMH Books has grown from a single book in 1970 to over 200 titles in 1989. The high quality of the products and the Evangelical, Biblical position have helped the company to grow into a recognized publications house in the United States.

DR. ROY ROBERTS, Grace College Chaplain, spoke recently at a chapel service of the Dallas Cowboys Football Club. Gil Brandt, Vice President of the Club, told Dr. Roberts that "your message made a positive impression on our football team. It was well received by our players and provided them with a challenge to lead a life that is influenced by the presence of Jesus Christ in all that they encounter."

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MARRIAGES

WALKER: Joy Ann Critchfield and Timothy Walker, January 21, 1989, at the Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, PA. J. Ward Tressler, interim pastor.

DEATHS

ALTMAN, HELEN, 77, January 31, 1989. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

BOCK, ETHEL, 67, Fremont, OH, went to be with the Lord on October 15, 1988. She was a longtime member and church organist of the Grace Brethren Church in Fremont. She was the daughter of Raymond Blood who pastored the church from 1945-1947. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Gene

Klingler with a special presentation by the church choir.

BOSSER, WILLA, 72, August 14, 1988. She was a member of the Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, PA. Tom Goossens, pastor.

BOWSER, MERTIE, 85, January 10, 1989. She was a member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

CHRISTY, MARIE, 92, November 7. She was a lifetime member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, IN. Larry Edwards, pastor.

CLAPPER, PAUL, December 29, 1988. He was a member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, PA. John Gregory, pastor.

KNOX, SYLVIA, 67, December 14, 1988. She was a member of the Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, PA. Tom Goossens, pastor.

MOORE, WANDA, (who was featured in the October 1988 *Herald*, pp. 16-17) went to be with the Lord on January 7, 1989. Mick Rockafellow, her pastor, wrote "I'm glad to share that she maintained her testimony for the Lord to the very end. I think about 450 people were at her memorial service. That reflects the tremendous impact of Wanda's life on our church and community." Mick Rockafellow, pastor.

PARR, MARCELLA, December 7, 1988. She was a former member of the Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, IN. Larry Edwards, pastor.

SMITLEY, NORA, November 10, 1988. She was active in the Brethren Church for many years. Larry Edwards, pastor.

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ASHLAND, OH, SOUTHVIEW, The address of the Southview church should be changed to 810 Katherine Ave., Ashland, OH 44805.

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DR. WILLIAM COCHRAN, (add to ministers list with asterisk), 102-A, Freeman Ave., Tallahassee, AL 36023. Phone 205/283-2122. His membership is in the Temple Hills, MD, church.

EPHRATA, PA, Mark Saunders' name was inadvertently removed as pastor of the Ephrata Area Grace Brethren Church. Mark Saunders and Robert Kern are co-pastors. Sorry! Please accept our apologies.

HAGERSTOWN, MD, The street number for Calvary Grace Brethren Church should be changed to 115.

JENSEN, DOUGLAS, 962 Kickapoo Ave., Akron, OH 44305.

THOMAS, MAHAFFEY, 1808 Rustic Hill Court, Frederick, MD 21701.

MYERSTOWN, PA, The mailing address for the GBC of Myerstown should be P.O. Box 244 (the street address remains the same).

ORLANDO, FL, The area code number for Orlando Grace Brethren Church should be changed to 407.

DAVID SHACKLEFORD, 3727 California Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 (Tel. 213/427-0600). He is involved in the Men's and Children's Ministries.

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DARRELL TAYLOR, 22 Bouchard Dr., Brunswick, ME 04011.

GARY TAYLOR, (wife's name Melody), 810 Katherine Ave., Ashland, OH. (Tel. 419/289-2301).

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Page 54: Under Cooperating Churches: Kansas City should be removed (closed), Pflugerville, should be changed to Austin, Hurst should be changed to Fort Worth. Longview, TX, should be added.

Page 58: Hartford, CT; Palmer, MA; and South Lancaster, PA should be added. Loysville, PA, should be changed to Blain, PA. Stowe has been closed and should be removed.

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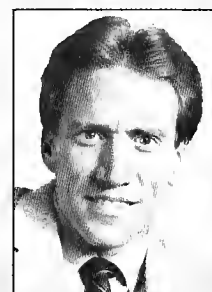
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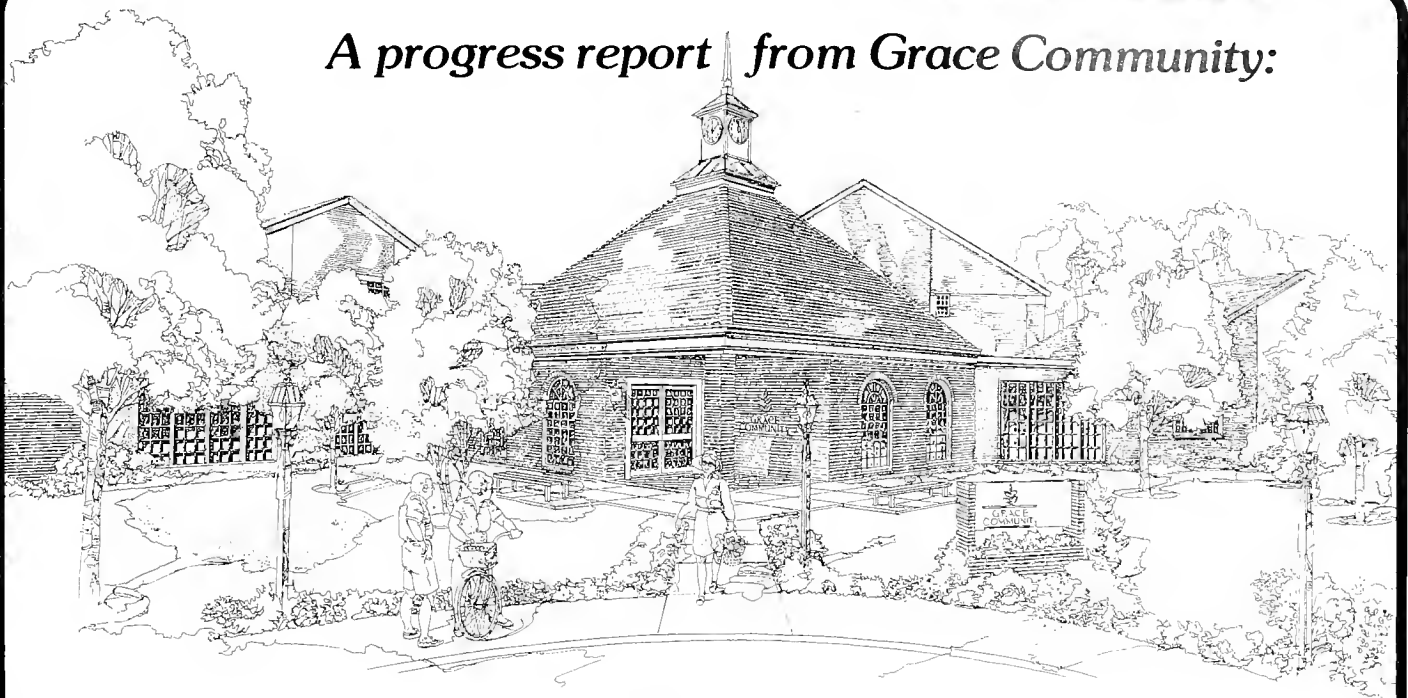
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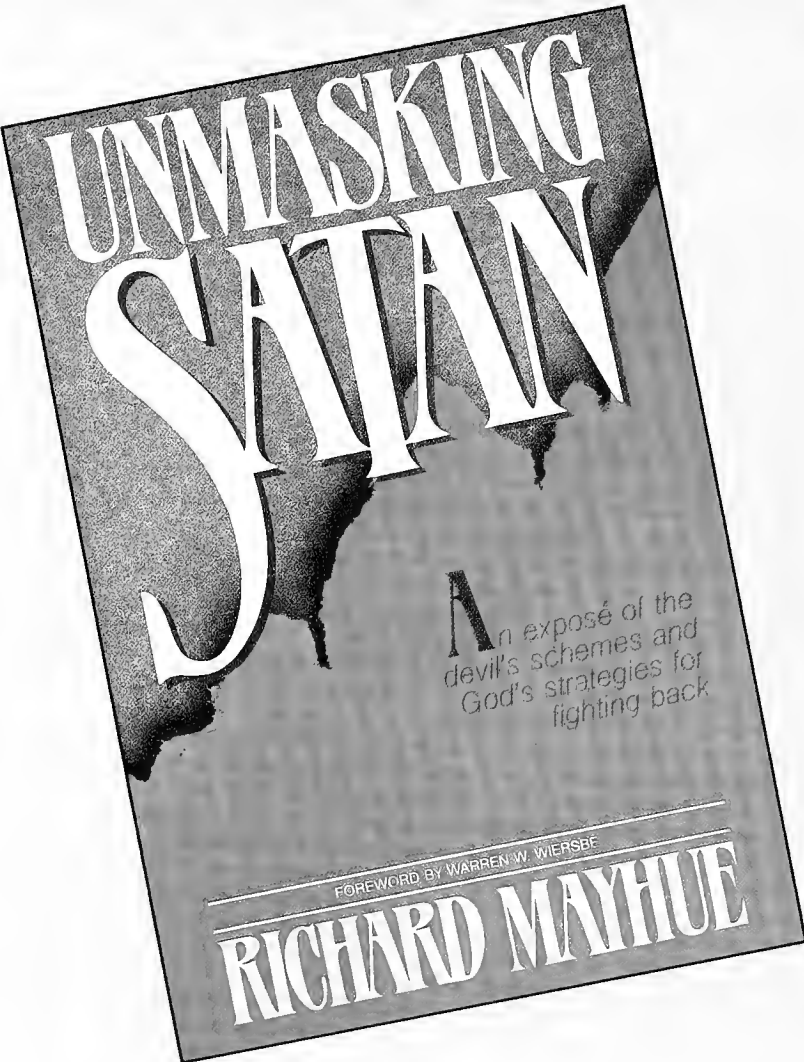
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Committees Never Are Seated On Horses They End Up On Plaques

by Charles W. Turner

I must admit a faint dislike for committee meetings. I feel that I have spent most of my life sitting around a table discussing the obvious. I have attended business meetings, magazine meetings, Kiwanis meetings, staff meetings, finance committee meetings, retirement committee meetings and a multitude of other such functions. There are now power lunches and power breakfasts and various group gatherings that consume endless amounts of time and rarely accomplish a great deal.

Before I get too far into this subject, I confess that there is an ingathering of collective wisdom with a group and to this I grant a humble acknowledgment. Ideas exchanged in such sessions tend to give different perspectives to a subject. However, the end result of the average committee meeting is a collective compromise to what might have been a good idea, without the added fluff of fifteen persons.

Let me ask you a question. Have you ever visited the site of some great happening in the history of the world and seen a statue of a committee gracing the landscape? A place honoring an outstanding accomplishment generally is decorated with the statue of a person. Winston Churchill stands opposite Westminster and the Parliament building where many a pigeon visits. At Trafalger Square you find a fellow seated on a horse. The same is true at Gettysburg only here the man on the horse holds a drawn sword. Individuals sit on horses, committees do not. We just do not honor committees. I know there may be a small plaque honoring the building committee hidden somewhere out of sight, left to turn green, but we rarely see statues honoring these people.

My point is this. Accomplishments are made by persons. There is not one committee listed in the 11th chapter of

Hebrews. The writer of Hebrews records the lives of persons who made an individual step of faith all by themselves. Their convictions were not masked in a report, their lives displayed what they believed and a willingness to stand alone if necessary to see their beliefs become realities. No hiding behind or in the group for real believers, just out front for God.

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Why we strive to bring everything to an "average" is possibly because of the fear of standing alone. We are willing to have everyone agree even if it is by weakening some individual beliefs. We feel better with a mild compromise if it will bring harmony. That is committee meetings at their weakest level.

Certainly, interacting with an individual can be a problem and dealing with an individual with convictions is even harder for us to tolerate. We all get the feeling we would like to have them sit down and just be quiet. So, we solve the problem by getting a committee together to spend a couple of years on an idea when it should have taken a couple of minutes to decide. In the long run, it will probably be the individual that is seated on the horse and his accomplishments that we will remember.

Please remember to give a plaque to the committee. It may be their only note of accomplishment. ■

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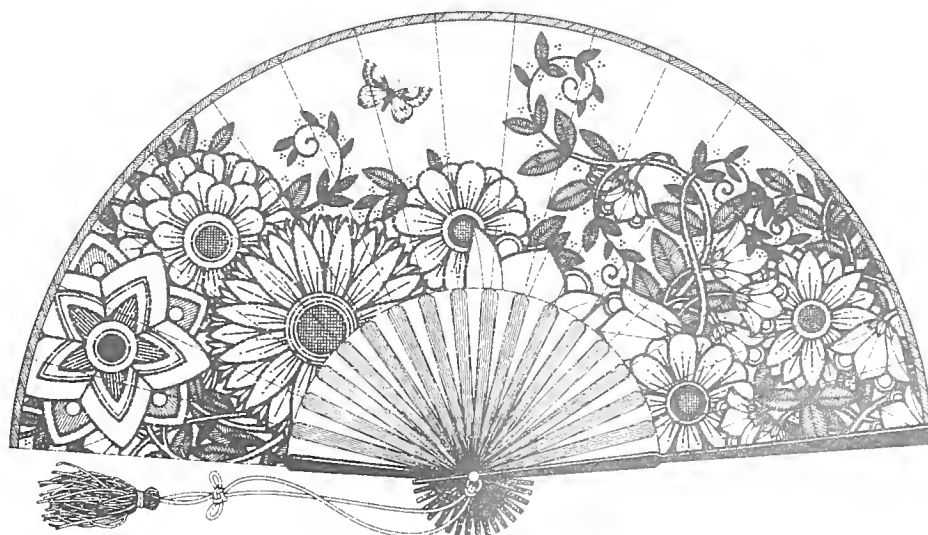
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God Cares for the Land and Waters It He Enriches It Abundantly

Awake, O Earth, Awake!

Let sleeping buds burst forth.
A springtime entrance make,
bringing new life to earth.

The trees are becoming
greener, fuller each day.
Fresh flowers are blooming
as springtime comes our way.

Awake! dismal brown earth
come alive, leaf, flower.
Spring has brought you new birth.
Brighter with each shower.

Awake, O Soul Awake!
Christ has redeemed the earth.
His rich promises make
us alive with new birth.

Awake, My Soul, take wing.
let the joy of the spring
enable me to sing
and love to others bring.

Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:27-32 (NIV)

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness,

*O God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,
who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,
who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.*

*Those living far away fear your wonders;
where morning dawns and evening fades
you call forth songs of joy.*

*You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.*

*The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.*

*You drench its furrows
and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers
and bless its crops.*

*You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.*

*The grasslands of the desert overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.*

*The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.*

Psalm 65:5-13 (NIV)

Thank you, heavenly Father for your incredible springtime. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and trees that have come to life again just as you promised. How exciting for us to look forward to our new lives with You in Your eternal springtime of heaven. Lord, help the majesty of Your creation to awe and inspire us to worship You, witness for You and sing for joy at Your marvelous works.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection,
not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Martin Luther

I Saw the Mozambican Refugees

by J. Keith Altig



Baptism Service



About three years ago it was my privilege to visit Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, the former Portuguese country located on the east coast of Africa. Ever since that unforgettable experience, the need of these people for the gospel has weighed heavily on my heart and mind. It has been said that there are more unevangelized people in Mozambique than in any other African nation south of the equator.

As a result of my previous visit to that country, my name was placed on the mailing list of an organization called The Mozambique Christian Fellowship, a group dedicated to the evangelization of that country. This Fellowship is located in South Africa which shares a border with Mozambique.

For several years the population of Mozambique has been brutalized by the civil war which is gripping the nation. The so-called resistance fighters are nothing more than bands of robbers, murderers, looters and rapists who try to intimidate the people and force them to support their conflict with the Government. As a result, hundreds of thousands of Mozambicans have fled over the border into South Africa as well as into countries to the north.

To get into South Africa from Mozambique it is necessary to pass through the Kruger National Park, a wild animal refuge populated by lions, tigers and all kinds of African wildlife.

The people leave their homes with little or nothing and make their way through the preserve, many of them dying of starvation or being killed by the wild beasts. They walk for several days, without food, water or shelter, fleeing from the chaos at home.

Operation Mobilization, a missionary organization dedicated to instructing and motivating young people to witness their faith to needy people, mounted a "Love the Refugees" campaign to be conducted from Dec. 3-30 this past year. This was labeled their

Summer Campaign. I was notified of this campaign and applied to join them because of my interest in Portuguese speaking refugees.

Flying to Johannesburg, South Africa, I proceeded by bus to a campground outside of Pretoria where a few days were spent in orientation, prayer and preparation for the campaign. From the orientation camp a five-and-one-half hour drive took us to Gazankulu, an area of land in which are located 48 refugee camps. The numbers of refugees are not known with certainty but there were 5000 in the camp to which I was assigned. It was named Rhulani and is one of only eight of the total 48 camps where there is any witness for the Lord.

I had been praying that the Lord would enable me to make contact with Portuguese speaking refugees so that I could minister to them, knowing that they would be educated to some degree and would be leaders in their groups. The common tribal language is Shangaan. Almost immediately upon arriving in the orientation camp, I was introduced to a man named Abraham who was the spiritual leader of the few believers in Rhulani. He had come to the orientation camp for instruction, but did not understand nor speak English which was the language in which classes and other instruction were given. I was able to translate as well as have a number of hours of Bible study with him. He was almost totally ignorant of Bible teaching and had never owned nor seen a Bible in Portuguese.

I was able to purchase a Portuguese Bible in Pretoria and when I gave it to him he could hardly contain himself. He shouted, "hallelujah!" and jumped around holding the Bible aloft for some time, looking at it as if it were the greatest treasure he could ever have. In addition to Abraham, there was another lay pastor named Jimmy. He understood more English than he

did Portuguese so I would give the lessons in both languages. Later I met another leader who understood English and had a few classes with him. His name was Abednego.

In addition to these leaders, there were several women who came to some of the meetings and I had the joy of going through the plan of salvation with them and seeing two of them make confessions of faith and trust the Lord for salvation.



Local witch doctor who claimed to put people in touch with the spirits of their ancestors for a fee.

The living conditions in the camp were primitive to say the least. To eat, one stood up or sat on a bench or the ground, holding the plate of food in one's hand. The food was usually rice with some kind of sauce made with chicken or canned meat poured over it. There were oranges and other fruit. Breakfast was usually corn meal mush and bread with coffee or tea. Bed was a sleeping bag placed on a thin mattress laid on the floor. Sanitary and bathing facilities were left to the ingenuity of the camper.

Our responsibility is to make Christ known to those who have never heard the message.

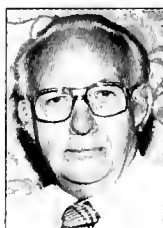
Never have I been more conscious of the presence of the Lord than during this ministry. The South African people, who comprised the team, White, Black,



Students Jimmy (L) and Abraham (R) studying the Bible with Keith Altig.

Colored and Asiatic, were truly born again, deeply committed to the Lord, kind, courteous and helpful in the extremes. There was no friction or animosity exhibited between the racial groups. The Mozambican refugees were given living examples of what the love of Christ can do in the hearts of men and women who truly love Him and are committed to His service. This was a living object lesson on how to solve the problems between races and ethnic groups of the world. Our responsibility is to make Christ known to those who have never heard the message.

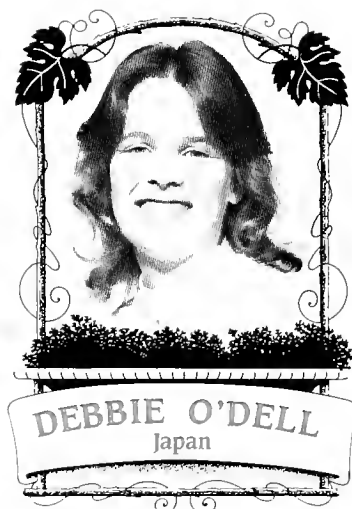
I owe a heartfelt expression of gratitude to Brethren Evangelistic Ministries and other friends for their generous financial support and their prayer support. The members of the church where I serve stood, en mass, on the Sunday I left, indicating their solid backing of this project and pledging their continued undergirding of the effort with prayer. Praise the Lord for His blessing. ■



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Ephesians 4:15



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With warmest personal regards,

Larry N. Chamberlain
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P.S. Come see us during conference, ladies, and walk around a bit on the new carpet! (I just hope you like our choice of colors.)

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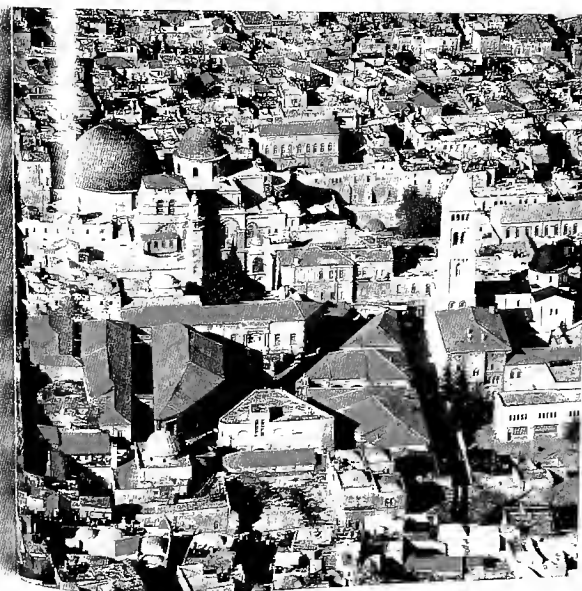
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Let's Talk "Computerese"

How to get your youth group involved through computers

by Rita Atwell Holler

"Aren't you going to youth meeting tonight?" Karen asked.

"Nope, why should I?" Bill shrugged his shoulders and began to get in his sports car.

"We're doing something different. Why don't you give it a whirl?" Karen smiled as she started to walk towards the church.

"Hey, wait a minute, what are you doing?"

"Haven't you heard any of your buddies talking about it?" Karen turned as Bill slammed the car door shut. If he'd come to church she was sure he'd enjoy it. He thought churches were old-fashioned so he'd get a shock tonight.

"All right, I'll stay. What's so fantastic about this meeting?" Bill asked as they strolled into the church.

Karen's youth group was having a computer demonstration. Young people are exposed to computers in their schools and at home so why not at church? Robin Gohn, a Micro Computer Technology Specialist, says, "As Christians we need to show the positive aspects of computers for Christians." Do you want to spark the interest of your teens? Set up a computer workshop by following these details . . .

The Equipment and Work Area

Robin conducts church computer literacy programs and you can, too. First you need to rent some *micro computers*. Apple or Radio Shack are some of the choices. Some Radio Shack Computer Centers rent their computer classrooms and equipment to groups. Robin's ideal situation includes 10 Apple Micro Computers which she borrows from a local dealer. Once you get your machines, set them up in a large room. Arrange one chair in front of each *video screen* with several chairs behind the *computer operator*. Make sure everyone can see.

Computer Operators

Pick students with a good self-image to demonstrate the necessary skills. If you know any that touch type they will make ideal guinea pigs for the other teens to watch.

The Instructor

Next introduce your instructor. Use someone to give instructions that is computer literate. If you do not have anyone available, personally secure this information about your computers. The best place to learn is from your computer store. Tape record what you're taught or take good notes. Practice at home on your computer. If this is not possible go to your library and get books about computers. *Bits, Bytes*

And *Buzzwords* by Mark Garetz is an easily understood book for a beginner. Seek books that are written for your computer after you learn some of the basic words and information. Another person you can use is someone called a "Computer Consultant." Be sure to discuss prices with your Consultant before the work is done.

Booting Up

"To turn your machine on, flip the switch on the left side of the video screen. Place the *diskette* in *Drive 1* with the label towards the screen," Robin said.

Getting started is called *booting up*. Follow your owner's manual for installing either a cassette or diskette if it differs from these instructions.

On an Apple, Micro Computer Drive 1 is the one next to the screen. *Drive 2* is the farthest away. Shut the *drive latch*; otherwise you'll get a *boot error* on your screen. Error messages appear where you're typing, at the bottom, or in the middle of the *video monitor*.

The first time you use computers it is important to give this kind of information. Then walk around the room and give personal instruction where it's necessary. Show the youngsters how to do it and then watch as they try it. This helps them practice what you're preaching.

Robin knows, "Nothing beats a demonstration." Reading about the computer and operating it are two different things. When you use it you can see the power and ease with which tasks can be accomplished. Whether you're doing computations, printed reports, teaching new information or reviewing old data the computer is a useful machine. Teens know this and they need to see their church become a user of today's technology.

Installing A Program

Now you're ready to load the program. It's possible that you can access the games or other information just by installing the diskette, but sometimes this isn't true. So it's important to check your instructions.

Robin uses Creative Learning, Inc.'s "Bible Baseball," "Test Your Knowledge," and "Bible Word." The choice of software is up to you.

There are programs you type in yourself. One that works well is from a book called *Bible Basic* by Harper & Rowe. Other programs can be obtained from companies that specialize in Educational Bible Software. Some of these are: C-4 Resources, Cross Education Software and Sunburst. Each one has brochures available and will send them if you ask.

Running The Program

Read the instructions that appear on the screen. These will tell you how to select the correct answer. Sometimes you type in a number and other times you must type the correct answer or letter. The computer will keep score. Depending on your program it will keep team scores or individual scores. Everyone knows how they did without doing the calculations. The computer doesn't play favorites. You're either right or wrong. A computer only accepts a totally right answer. Your own kids will like this if you are the teacher and always lean over backwards not to give them an advantage.

"Now, do you see that? It even knows my name," Janet shouted.

Everyone around her peered closer at the screen.

"It really does know her name. How can it do that?"

Robin says, "Most of the people who use the computer are really impressed when it says 'very good' and uses their name."

When you type in the names of the players at the beginning of the game the computer knows and remembers who the players are. Some programs praise a particular player when he has a right answer and others play a sacred hymn after so many correct guesses. It's all in your software.

Another important consideration when selecting your software is being able to exit the program at any time. Sometimes you must answer ten questions before you quit and if you ever have a meeting where time runs out, this could be a problem. When parents are ready to leave, the children should be able to go. Timing is always an important factor to consider in any good relationship. Therefore it is important to keep this in mind when you purchase your software. You know what your time limits are. So if you want to be able to exit or leave a program at any time make sure you get that type of software. Again, it is absolutely necessary to have the software demonstrated before you buy it.

Pastor William Hampton says, "I think the most important thing about the computer is the software," and he is correct. The software is the brains of the computer. It allows you to do word processing, play games, or do bookkeeping. Be selective when purchasing your programs.

Whether you want to teach Bible verses, hymns, or just Bible facts, Christian software will enable you to reach today's youth with God's truth. Remember to choose wisely. Software and program are interchangeable words in computerese. It is either on a diskette or cassette and it controls the computer.

To use *graphics* and turn *points* on and off on the screen takes some expertise. But it is all part of a program written for your particular computer. If you understand programming, you can explain about the screen being divided into *grids* and when you type in "set 3212" it turns one point on. Then you can show them how to continue typing in the

instructions on each *line number*. Some computers automatically give you the line numbers as you write a program. All this information is contained in your owners manual and in computer books. Learn to write and run an easy program. Then teach your students all you know. There are many simple programs which can be used. Try one that prints their name on the screen, first in just a column and then all over the screen. This makes them a part of the creative process.

Making A Backup

Once you have a program typed in, explain how to make a *backup*. This is an exact copy of what you have on your diskette in Drive 1. Follow your manual for instructions on how to make a backup. It's possible to write a "Do" file which will *format* your disk and copy automatically after you type "Do" and the file's name. Explaining all this to your students helps them to see the benefits of learning computerese at church, home, and school. After you make your backup, remove it from the Drive. Now it's time to leave.

Exiting A Program

To stop the computer you can't just turn it off. First you need to *close* the file you are in. Follow the instructions in your software manual. One procedure says type in "SYSTEM" and it means all in capital letters. Check yours to see what it requires. Once you're back to "TRSDOS" or whatever your system is, remove your diskette, then turn off your machine. If you turn it off with your diskette or cassette in the Drive you might lose your *data*. This shutting down varies from computer to computer so check your manual.

"Say, Karen I'm glad I went to church tonight. Now I know a *byte* is computerese for a letter or number," Bill said after the meeting.

"What'd you think of the computers?"

They're great. See you next week for a game of Bible Baseball."

Why not teach your youth computerese? You will benefit, too, as you become computer literate. Today there is a growing demand for Christian computer technologists. Mission organizations and churches are using computers to do typing, bookkeeping, and other types of office work. Computers keep inventory records, complete with price and quantity. Computers are used in the translation of God's Word all over the world. Micro computers save time and work for Christians.

Will you encourage your students to become tomorrow's Christian computer technologists? If so, *let's talk computerese!* ■

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Mephibosheth's Gifts of Grace

by Dr. Kenneth O. Gangel

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Amid the military exploits and violence which characterized David's life, the Bible shows us brief glimpses of a man of kindness who reflects the grace of his Heavenly Father. At the beginning of this succession narrative (which covers 2 Samuel 9-20) the king has opportunity to follow through on his promise to Jonathan (1 Samuel 20:14-17).

We may do well to notice that chapter 9 begins with David asking, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Kindness, not justice. Precisely the quality we desperately need from the Heavenly Father.

David finds out from Ziba that a lame son of Jonathan is still alive and living at Lo Debar. Interestingly, though David made no effort to exterminate the house of Saul, a living descendent seems difficult to find. After all, Saul had four sons who had sons and daughters, yet this humble Mephibosheth appears to be the last of the line.

By the way, we know something about the history of Mephibosheth's disability. 2 Samuel 4:4 reads, *"Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became crippled. His name was Mephibosheth."*

The key word of our text is clearly the word "kindness", a very common Old Testament word. Various English texts render it as "loving kindness", "steadfast love", "mercy", or even "love." At stake in the heart of the word is a personal commitment to be kind, merciful and gracious in a consistent and enduring way, especially to one who doesn't deserve that kindness.

So David and Mephibosheth become a type (whether intended by the Bible writer or not we do not know) of Christ and the needy sinner. Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan, son of Saul, comes to David and bows down to pay him honor saying in effect, "Nothing in my hand I bring."

But, I'm getting a bit ahead of the text. "David asked, 'Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?' Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They called him to appear before David, and the king said to him, 'Are you Ziba?' 'Your servant,' he replied. The king asked, 'is there no one still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?' Ziba answered the king, 'There is still a son of Jonathan. He is at the house

of Makir son of Ammiel. When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, 'Mephibosheth!' 'Your servant,' he replied (2 Samuel 9:1-6).

Possessions of Grace

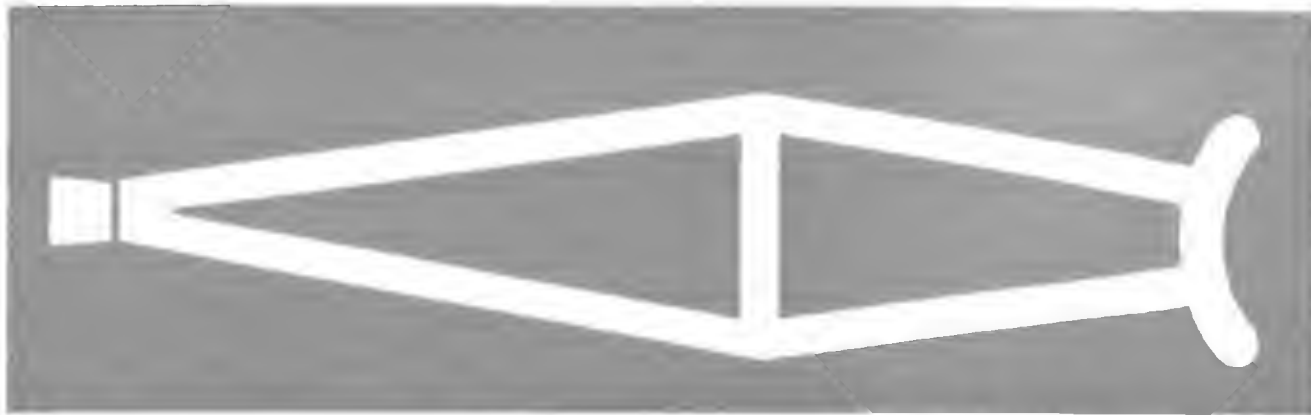
With everything to gain and nothing to lose, Mephibosheth appears before David describing himself as a "dead dog." David sees him rather as a descendent of the royal line, the son of his very best friend. For Jonathan's sake (v. 7) a new king gives back to Mephibosheth all the lands of Saul, invites the cripple to eat at the royal table and places him under government pension. Furthermore, Ziba's long-term employment is guaranteed; his sons and servants will farm the land for Mephibosheth.

In a similar way, God has given us possessions beyond anything we deserve. Homes, cars, clothes, and dozens of other useful, but hardly necessary, implements of life are ours. Most adult Christians today possess far more than they ever dreamed they would own ten or twenty years ago. Like Mephibosheth we are cripples in the court of a Holy God. Spiritually destitute we reach out--God gives.

Provisions of Grace

Ziba's instructions were clear and so was the central purpose of his employment. *"I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for"* (2 Samuel 9:9b-10a).

An old man at this time, Ziba had served King Saul in earlier years. The text tells us he had 15 sons and 22 servants so Mephibosheth's household would hardly be considered understaffed. In like manner, God provides for us both in the physical and spiritual realms. Paul reminds us of this in Titus 3. *"At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life"* (Titus 3:3-7).



Position of Grace

Perhaps the greatest gift that David gave to Mephibosheth had nothing to do with the food that the crippled man ate nor the things that he owned. Listen to verse 11 of our text: *"Then Ziba said to the king, 'Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.' So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons (2 Samuel 9:11).*

T.W. Wilson used to tell a story about the Graham team's first visit to London's Harringay Arena. While there, the primary members of the team were welcomed at Buckingham Palace. Waiting in line with other visiting dignitaries, Wilson recalls hearing the people in front of him announced with titles such as "Duke" and "Earl" and "Lord" abounding. Wondering what he could possibly say about himself as he identified himself to the Queen's announcer, he hit upon a testimony of his spiritual status: "I'm T.W. Wilson, son God and servant of Jesus Christ."

Before his visit to David's throne, Mephibosheth had been an unknown remnant of a former regime. Now he was "Like one of the king's sons." Imagine the respect and honor accorded this lame man when word spread around Jerusalem that he dined at David's table.

Such is the experience of Christians who take seriously the relationship with the Prince of Heaven. Through Jesus Christ, God provides not only possessions and provisions, but also a position as sons of God and servants of Jesus Christ. Small wonder the Apostle John wrote: *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure (1 John 3:1-3).*


Each of these levels -- possession, provision, position -- seems increasingly less common in our perception of Thanksgiving. We tend to thank God

with some regularity for food since table grace may very well be the most frequently offered type of prayer in many Christian homes. On Thanksgiving Day and perhaps certain Sundays when the pastor calls our attention to it, we are reminded to thank God for our general possessions rather than taking them for granted or assuming them to be the just product of our own hard work.

But how rarely we express appreciation for our spiritual position. Perhaps we are afraid such an attitude might lead to spiritual pride and certainly it could. Nevertheless, to recognize all three as genuine gifts of grace could very well lead to the desirable outcome of appreciation while avoiding the dimension of pride. Someone has suggested that mercy in the biblical sense describes God's withholding of deserved punishment while grace describes His bestowing of undeserved favor.

Like Mephibosheth we might have been allowed a life of sinful anonymity followed by eternity in outer darkness. Yet God in His grace, through the simple act of believing what He had already accomplished for us in Jesus Christ, gave us a position as sons. Like Mephibosheth, we must be grateful.

***The only reason
we are here is because
of the kindness
of God.***

Stuart Briscoe reminds us, "There is every opportunity in the world to appreciate God's kindness daily and to demonstrate it. Look around you. Seek out individuals who are spiritually crippled. Develop a heart for God that is directed toward those who are materially and physically disadvantaged. Demonstrate God's kindness to those to whom you have made a covenant -- your spouse, your brothers and sisters in Christ, your pastor. Remember, in maintaining that covenant, we are doing the kindest possible thing. The only reason we are here is because of the kindness of God.  (David -- *A Heart For God*, Victor Books, 1984, p. 127).

Planting Brethren Churches

What Makes Churches Brethren?

by Tom Julien

Probably no question preoccupies GBFM church-planting missionaries more than this. They know that planting and transplanting are not the same. To plant a Brethren church in another culture is not merely to import familiar customs from back home. It is to sow the seed -- the essence -- of Brethrenism, and not be afraid to allow it to clothe itself with cultural forms that are outwardly different.

In fact, if you visit Grace Brethren churches around the world, you might initially be more impressed with their differences than their similarities. Even the way they greet each other would make some Americans feel uncomfortable. In Japan it is by a polite bow. If you enter a French congregation you will see Brethren kiss each other on both cheeks. You might even have someone blow in your ears in Africa.

If you stay around after the greeting, however, you begin to discern some common traits that bind these churches together even though they are widely separated in distance and appearance.

For one thing, you would find that they all practice the distinctive Brethren ordinances. They baptize by triune immersion and they practice biblical communion. Brace yourself for the Love Feast, though. You may be served something you have never tasted before, but the love offered is the same in every culture.

Brethren identity, however, is not limited to our distinctives -- those things that make us different from other groups of Christians. Identity is also related to the basic qualities that God is looking for in *every* church which is true to the New Testament pattern. To lose what makes us *like* other Christians is to lose our identity just as surely as to lose our distinctives.

Let me illustrate what I am saying. A pygmy is

a pygmy because he is short. But he is also a pygmy because he has two arms, two legs, a head that thinks, and a soul that is eternal. And if you were to ask him what is the most important thing about being a pygmy he might talk about breathing fresh air, loving his children, or having his stomach full of food. He would not spend a lot of time contemplating the fact that he is different from other human beings.

What makes a church Brethren?

Let me suggest that the *essence* of Brethrenism manifests itself in three commitments. You will find these commitments in every authentic Brethren church anywhere in the world.

A commitment to the Word of God.

If you were to travel around the world and visit Brethren churches in other lands, you would find our motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible," translated into many different languages. In fact, if you were to ask Christians in any country to identify what they feel is most characteristic of a Brethren church, their answer would be in some way related to a commitment to the authority of the Word of God.

When a Brethren missionary arrives in a new country he has both a heavy responsibility and a tremendous advantage. He does not have to persuade his converts to accept his own traditions. He can open the Bible and show them the plain commands of Christ. He has the privilege of binding their consciences to the Word of God.

To do this, he must be able to distinguish between God's revelation and man's reasoning, so that he does not supplant the authority of the Word with his own authority. This is why the early Brethren made a strong distinction between the Scriptures and Creeds. To be true to our Brethren heritage is to perpetuate this distinction.

The spirit of Brethrenism is the spirit of the Bereans who searched the Scriptures daily, to find whether those things taught correspond with the Word. The Word is our authority, and not the man who preaches it.

All Brethren churches put a strong emphasis on the teaching of the Word of God. However, to be truly Brethren is to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only. Our Lord commanded us to teach *obedience* to all His commands, even when this makes us



different from others. Obedience to the Word is the *foundation* of our churches.

A commitment to the family of God.

When missionaries enter a new city, they do so with the conviction that God has a prepared people for them. It is of great encouragement to read our Lord's exhortation to Paul when he arrived at Corinth, "*Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace . . . for I have much people in this city.*" Acts 18:9.

When people receive the Lord, they become, by birth, members of a spiritual family. A Brethren Church is not just a congregation of people who gather together to hear the Word. It is a family united by common birth and commitment. It is no mystery that our forefathers called themselves Brethren. Their heritage had taught them that a church is not primarily an ecclesiastical institution, but a homogeneous grouping of Christians who love each other and desire true fellowship in the Spirit.

Our identity as Brethren is related to our commitment to the Word. It is also related to our commitment to the family God has given us, in His good providence. A family is its own reason for existence and perpetuation.

Every family has its problems. When we are brothers by common birth, however, we take the time and spend the effort to work those problems out. Love and commitment to each other represent the *bond* of our churches, and this is as distinctly Brethren as our obedience to the Word.

A commitment to mission.

When Jesus commissioned the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, He was giving them more than a command.



He was giving them a formal statement of the purpose of the Church in our dispensation, and her fundamental law of existence. The Church is an assembly of called out ones. She can only continue

to exist as a Church by continuing to call men and women to commitment to her Lord.

If commitment to the Word is the *foundation* of our churches, and commitment to each other in love is our *bond*, then commitment to mission is our life principle.

A church which loses its commitment to mission is like the Dead Sea, with water flowing in but nothing flowing out. A church that has lost its commitment to mission will some day be unable to sustain life, no matter what its cultural setting. Commitment to mission brings freshness to our preaching and a spirit of teamwork to our relationships.



Planting Brethren churches means planting churches with a three-fold commitment: to the Word, to each other, to our mission in the world. It is evident that the loss of any one of these three distinctives will eventually result in the loss of the other two. Without love, warm obedience to the Word will be replaced by cold orthodoxy. Without mission, our spiritual energy will be turned upon ourselves and we will know division. Without commitment to obedience of the Word, biblical fellowship will evaporate into self-centered companionship and mission will some day be abandoned as an expensive activity we can no longer afford.

"We have reached a period in the world's history in which God's dear children believe the prophecies, feel the force of the commission, with the world open, the means of communication and transportation developed, with money and men in abundance, and back of all this the promise of the presence of Jesus to whom all power is committed in heaven and in earth. Surely the outlook is altogether hopeful."

These were the words of J.C. Cassel to National Conference in the year 1900. These words express the spirit of optimism of the men who will lead our Brethren churches into the next century. May we renew our commitment to the true spirit of Brethrenism, in order to fulfill our destiny in these significant times.

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Young Lives Changed on the Reservation

The effectiveness of the work of Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries can be evaluated in several ways: the number of Navajo churches established, the number of members in those churches, the growth of the student body in the Mission school, and the general impact of the ministry on the Navajo community.

The following testimonies of three sixth graders and one high school student reveal the working of God's Holy Spirit in young Navajo lives. The first three brief stories are gleaned from reports by sixth grade teacher, John Juday.

Irvin Suina is one of several family members who attend the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission School in Counselor, New Mexico. His father is a medicine man who sees the value of education and is interested in spiritual things.

Just last September, in response to Bible lessons he had been taught, Irvin asked Jesus into his heart. He was concerned about where he would go when he died and wanted to be with Jesus.

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faithful prayer.***

The second of eight children, **Victoria Augustine** has three brothers and four sisters. Two of her siblings attend the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission School with her. On September 19, 1988, Victoria responded to the gospel of Christ. She saw that she had a need of salvation and didn't want to put off a decision when her teacher gave her a private opportunity to accept Christ.

She has expressed a desire to start serving Christ and has begun by reading the Bible, praying, and telling others. She wants her friends, neighbors, and parents to go to heaven, too.

Having received Christ two years previously, **Carmenlita Herrera**, felt the need to rededicate her life to the Lord and did so last fall at the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission School. She confesses to saying and doing bad things, failing to read her Bible and pray, and living for herself instead of for the Lord.



At such a young age, Carmenlita already felt that she had been wasting her life, and she was sorry for it. She is now reading the Bible more, praying, and wanting to serve Christ. She has begun by telling her mom and aunt about her decision and she wants to tell her uncles, too. Since they are heavy drinkers and don't care about spiritual things, this will be difficult for her.

Terry Willeto is 17 years old. John Champion, dorm parent at the Navajo Boarding School, describes him as having been wishy-washy in his walk and out of fellowship with the Lord. Guilt trips and discouragement brought on drinking bouts.

Along with several other young people, Terry wanted to go to Brethren National Youth Conference in California last summer. They started doing odd jobs to raise money for the trip but could not earn enough. A letter of appeal was sent out to friends of the Mission to assist the Navajo youth in attending this conference, and more than enough gifts were received. A total of 23 young people attended the Conference from the Navajo Mission. While there, Terry made a commitment to follow the Lord in a holy walk and has strived to do that. He is encouraging his classmates and his friends to do the same.

Surely, the supporters of the Navajo Ministries will want to uphold these young people -- and many more like them -- in faithful prayer. The future of the Navajo Nation could be altered and improved, and the eternal destiny of many Navajo Indians could be determined by the contribution of men and women who are trained in spiritual as well as educational matters. ■

Religious — but Lost!

We live in a land of churches. Millions of Americans claim to be church people, but belonging to a church isn't enough. Here are the testimonies of several who were raised in churches but who didn't come to know Jesus Christ until they came into contact with a Grace Brethren Home Missions church. This is what makes the ministry of planting churches such a joy!

"I grew up knowing about the Lord. I went to church every Sunday with our family. When I was 18, I quit going to church and started with alcohol and drugs. I also started drifting away from my family and friends. If friends didn't hang around with drugs and alcohol, I dropped them. It was my 'life.'

"One night I was caught at the Notre Dame Athletic Convocation Center parking lot with drugs. That night I went home and asked my family's forgiveness. I asked my mother if the Lord would forgive me. She said, 'Yes,' if I asked Him in a way that meant I would change.

"I immediately got out the Bible and asked the Lord's forgiveness. The following Sunday a friend invited me to go to the Mishawaka Grace Brethren Church. For the next four months I went with her every week to Sunday School, AM Worship, and the PM service. During services it was like the pastor was talking directly to me. No one at the church knew about my life, but God knew!

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

"Then one Sunday night, Mrs. Weaver (the pastor's wife) said, 'Gina, are you thinking about asking Jesus to come into your heart?' I said, 'Yes.' Then she said, 'Is it that you don't understand HOW to do it?' I was a little frightened, but I said, 'Yes, that's it.' She said, 'I can show you HOW in just a few minutes.' We sat down and went through the plan of salvation. She showed me Romans 3:23, 6:23, John 1:12, and Revelation 3:20. Then I prayed and asked the Lord into my heart.

"Something happened! I felt so relieved and overjoyed with gladness. She said, 'Gina, go tell someone what happened.' I went to the pastor. He

was saying 'Goodbye' to the people . . . and they all told me my face was glowing! They cried and hugged and kissed me. From that night on, February 21, 1988, my life has been completely changed! No more drugs, no more alcohol . . . GOD DELIVERED ME COMPLETELY!"

Pastor Scott Weaver of the Mishawaka, Indiana, Grace Brethren Church says that Gina McDonald never misses Sunday services and has started coming to prayer meeting. She has been helping with the SMM girls and has been witnessing and trying to lead some of her friends to the Lord.

Confused would best describe Karen when she came to see Pastor Mike Wallace of the Echo Valley Grace Brethren Church in Pine Grove, PA. She had been raised in a liberal church and then began a Bible study with the Jehovah's Witnesses. After four months' study, learning most of their doctrines, she knew it simply didn't jive with what she had previously learned.

A friend from the Grace Brethren Church began discussing her questions with Karen. Noting her confusion, she brought her to see Pastor Wallace. It was on that day in October, 1988, after a long discussion, that Karen's confusion was relieved and her eyes were opened by the Lord. She received Jesus Christ as her Savior, and then wrote to her JW friends to explain her decision.

Dan and his wife were staunch in their religious faith. Transferred by his job from Long Island, NY, Dan's new company was experiencing a slack time in business. When his wife left him, the pressures of home and job situations, along with the move to a new community, seemed to bring a great deal of stress.

Two ladies from the Echo Valley Grace Brethren Church were employed at the same place that Dan worked. They had experienced somewhat similar problems at home and yet, Dan noted, they seemed to have joy and peace in the midst of their problems. So intrigued was Dan by the testimony of these women, that he came to see their pastor last October. After much discussion with Pastor Mike Wallace, Dan received Christ.

He immediately began follow-up with another man from the church and has told his entire family about his decision even though they are all very entrenched in the traditional family religion. ■

Report from the Reservation

by Larry N. Chamberlain

"I am acquainted with every major Christian mission on the Navajo Reservation, and rarely do they have folks from the home office or board of directors from 'back East' take the time to visit and encourage their missionaries in Navajoland," said Les Ingram of Compassion, International* during a brief interview with the Navajo Committee in February.

The Navajo Committee of Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, Inc. is comprised of Home Mission staff members David Marksbury, who chairs the committee; Robert Thompson, executive director; Larry Chamberlain, assistant executive director; Larry Wedertz, mission superintendent; and board directors Luke Kauffman, president; Robert Fetterhoff; and Joe Taylor. Our new director of ministry support Jesse Deloe will also play a key role with the committee as he oversees the fund-raising strategies for the Navajo Ministries. The Committee met in New Mexico in February 11-16, arriving on the weekend in order to spend time with our Navajo pastors and their congregations on Sunday.



Monday's schedule was devoted entirely to the mission staff, with a series of practical ministry workshops, an exhausting volleyball game (at 7,000 ft. the oxygen's a little thin!), and a lovely Valentine's banquet in nearby Farmington (well, "nearby" is a relative term in New Mexico . . . it's practically 70 miles to the west of the mission). Highlights of our committee's business include the following:

1. The high school may exceed its maximum capacity (25 students) in the near future because of strong enrollment in the 7th and 8th grades.

* Compassion, International is a well-known, widely-supported Christian organization which raises funds for the education of disenfranchised minority children. They have graciously adopted our school as a part of their international program, contributing approximately \$11,000 per year to Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries.

This will put pressures on our limited classroom and dormitory space.

2. We were encouraged with the growing availability of trained and qualified Navajos for future staff positions, thanks to the quality education offered at the mission under the school's faithful principal, Elaine Marpel. The spiritual commitment of these candidates is very high.

3. Contracts were approved for two staff positions: Director of Youth Ministries and Science/PE Teacher. Dino Butler, son of Navajo Pastor Tully Butler and now a senior at Grace College, was offered the Youth Director's position. Karen Broach, from the Lexington, OH, Grace Brethren Church and presently serving at the mission as a TIME worker (sponsored by the GBC Christian Education Department), was offered the teaching position.

4. The vast majority of Navajos are unemployed, receiving government assistance through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Our high school graduates would prefer to find meaningful employment but lack vocational skills. Our future academic agenda must meet this need, so the committee approved the construction of a new building with a dual purpose. It will house the mission's vehicle maintenance department as well as a classroom/shop area for vocational skills training (e.g. carpentry, welding, mechanics, printing, home economics, etc.). You'll be hearing more about this exciting project later.

5. We will seek to raise the necessary annual funding for the Navajo Ministries through designated support for our mission staff and Navajo student body. Support levels were established at \$10,000 for a single staff member and \$20,000 for a couple. Student support was set at \$75.00/month per student, available for support in "units" of \$25.00/month, giving more people the exciting opportunity to sponsor a Navajo child's education and spiritual development. Again, you'll be hearing more about this in the near future.

"Of the sixteen significant Native American schools with whom Compassion International is associated," further remarked Les Ingram, "I rank the Grace Brethren school at the very top." Needless to say, we are gratified by his gracious compliment, but we give our praise to Christ whose love and compassion for this nation of 202,000 fellow-Americans far eclipses any committee's concern, no matter how actively they are involved in the work. Perhaps, however, God has used our Navajo Committee's commitment to "be there" with the mission staff, to listen to their concerns, to visit with the Navajo people, as a primary vehicle to further His redemptive program in Navajoland. I like to think so. ■

Spring is the time for **BUILDING**

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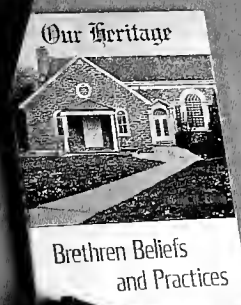
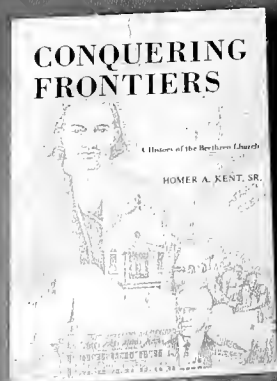
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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Men Reach 102!

Two, 102-year-old men, Arthur Kemp and Chester Kruger are residents at the Grace Brethren Village in Englewood, OH.

Arthur Kemp, a longtime member of the Grace Brethren Fellowship, was baptized into the "Progressive" Brethren Church, as it was called in the early 1900s. He and his wife Pearl attended the First Brethren Church in Dayton, OH, for many years. He served as a trustee for several years and in the early 1950's they joined the North Riverdale Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH. They attended many of the national conferences held at Winona Lake, IN and made sizable donations to the Brethren ministries. They were charter members of Grace

Brethren Village, entering in 1971 (Pearl passed away in 1973). Arthur continues to have a very deep and abiding faith in God and eagerly looks forward to the Lord's return. (Submitted by Faith Shock, a daughter, an attender of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, OH)

Chester Kruger was baptized by trine immersion in 1906 and joined the Brethren Church. He transferred his membership to the North Riverdale Grace Brethren Church in 1974 and continues to attend Sunday school and morning worship services. He was married for 56 years and fathered two children. (Submitted by Tad Hobert, pastor of the North Riverdale Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH)

Vernon Harris Retires

Almost 42 years ago Vernon graduated from Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN, and then moved on to Clayton, OH; Portland, OR; Roanoke, VA; Akron, OH; Philadelphia, PA; and finally Lancaster, PA. The journey since his graduation has been long and rewarding, so the decision to retire did not come easily. However, Pastor Harris did retire on April 1, 1989, after serving for 13 years as senior pastor of the Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, PA.

During his tenure as senior pastor, he was recognized for his outstanding pastoral leadership by receiving awards from the Brethren Home Missions Council in 1980, 1981, and 1982. In 1984, Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church was chosen as the 'Church of the Year' and in 1987 was selected for the 'Sunday School of the Year.'

"Currently, Mr. Harris is serving as vice president of the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board and the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries Board. His interests over the years have led him to teach at area Bible institutes and Bible colleges; conduct revival meetings; and work in youth camps as director, teacher, and counselor. Music has always played an important part in his life and his love for music is still evident."

Vernon and his wife, Glendowyn, have no other present plans than to retire and rest for awhile. (Submitted by Steve Doutrich, youth pastor of the Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, PA)

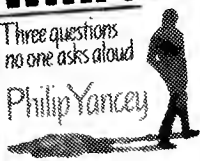


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Home Missions Names New Executive Director

Mr. Larry N. Chamberlain has been named the new Executive Director of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, and the Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, headquartered in Winona Lake, Indiana.

The Rev. Luke Kauffman, President of the Board of Directors of the three organizations, announced the selection during the semi-annual meeting of the Directors. Mr. Chamberlain will succeed Dr. Robert W. Thompson who is retiring from the position he has held since July, 1985.

Associated with the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council since 1977, Mr. Chamberlain has served as accountant, administrative coordinator, and since 1985 as assistant executive director.

Prior to 1977, Larry Chamberlain was manager and lending officer of the Hamilton Bank in Lancaster, PA. A graduate of Bob Jones University and Indiana University, he holds a bachelor's degree in Biblical studies and a master of science degree in business administration. He is the moderator of the congregation of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church and serves as treasurer of the FGBC.

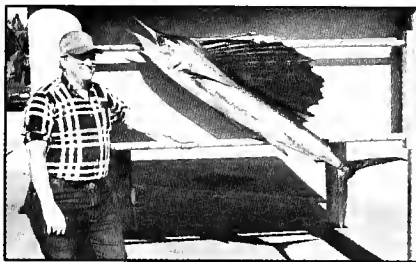
NEWS UPDATE

Ron E. Thompson has resigned as pastor of the Patterson Memorial Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, VA. His future plans are uncertain.

Brethren Evangelistic Ministries: All correspondence for Brethren Evangelistic Ministries should be mailed to: Route 11, Box 237, Roanoke, VA 24019. Financial gifts should be mailed to: P.O. Box 333, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Clay City, IN: The award winning Clay City High School Marching Band was chosen as one of two high school bands from Indiana to march in the inaugural parade for President Bush. The members and friends of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, IN, are: Jennifer Deeter, Jim Rupp, Marty Rupp, Aaron Smith, Jeremy Booe, Josh Booe, and Michelle McGill.

Robert Clouse has completed twenty-five years of ministry at the First Brethren Church of Clay City, IN.



A Real Fish Story

Dr. John J. Davis, President of Grace Schools, Winona Lake, IN, proudly displays the sailfish he caught in January off Singer Island, Fort Lauderdale, FL. The sailfish was 7'8" long, and weighed 60 lbs.

Charles Barnhill has accepted the call of the Bradenton, FL, church (pioneered by Lester Pifer). Pastor Barnhill had formerly served in the pastorate of the Mifflin, OH, GBC.

Tim Brubaker has resigned as associate pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk, CA. He is open to the Lord's leading to a new ministry.

Norma Matthes, wife of Quentin Matthes, pastor of the Southwest Grace Brethren Church in Columbus, OH, has had cancer surgery and is recovering well.

Walbridge, OH. The Calvary Grace Brethren Church is closing its doors. Prayer is requested for Pastor Dick Hopkins at this difficult time.

Bettie Cashman, wife of Pastor Ed Cashman of the Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, CA, is going through her fourth round of chemotherapy in six years. She is "responding well again and very appreciative of your prayers."

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Page 62, Okeechobee, FL, should be added to the list of Cooperating Churches.

Page 66, Avis should be changed to Jersey Shore, PA.

Page 67, Anaheim should be removed as the congregation is no longer meeting as a church, for the people are now meeting with the LaMirada assembly.

MARRIAGES

ALLEBACH: Leslie Good and Eric Allebach were united in holy wedlock on August 20, 1988, in the Lititz Grace Brethren Church, Lititz, PA. Gerald Allebach, pastor of the Palmyra Grace Brethren Church, officiated.

DEATHS

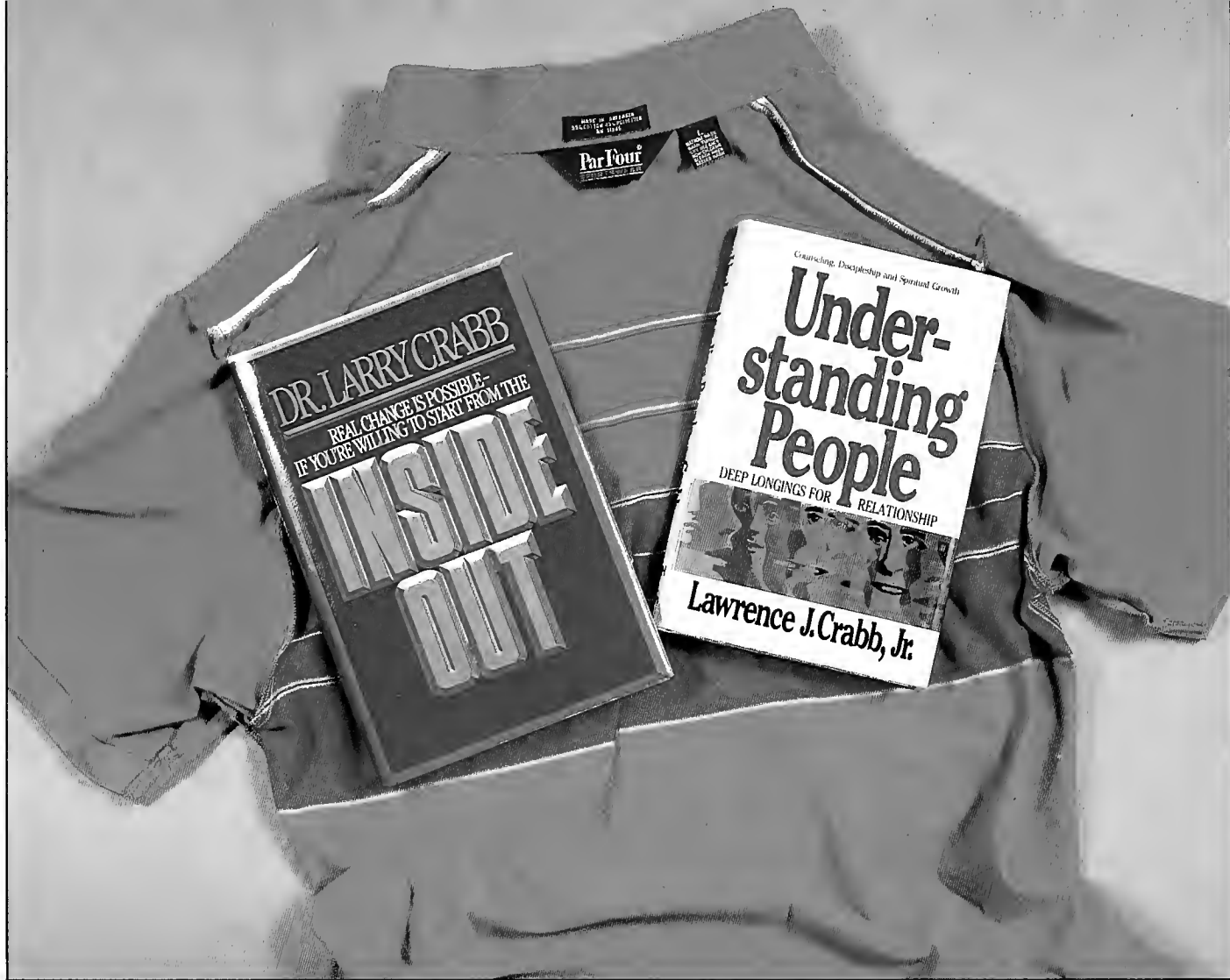
COLLINS, ART, February 7, 1989. He had been in failing health since November, with several complications. Art was a former pastor of several churches. Pastor Mike Brubaker led his funeral service.

FAHRBACH, PAULA, six-week-old daughter of John Fahrbach, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Oregon (Toledo area), January 1989.

FOUNTAIN, JUNE ELDORA, 89, February 1, 1989, an aunt of Mary Cripe who was a missionary to Africa. She was a member of the Auburn, CA, Grace Brethren Church.

GROVE, WINIFRED, 74, February 10, 1989. She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

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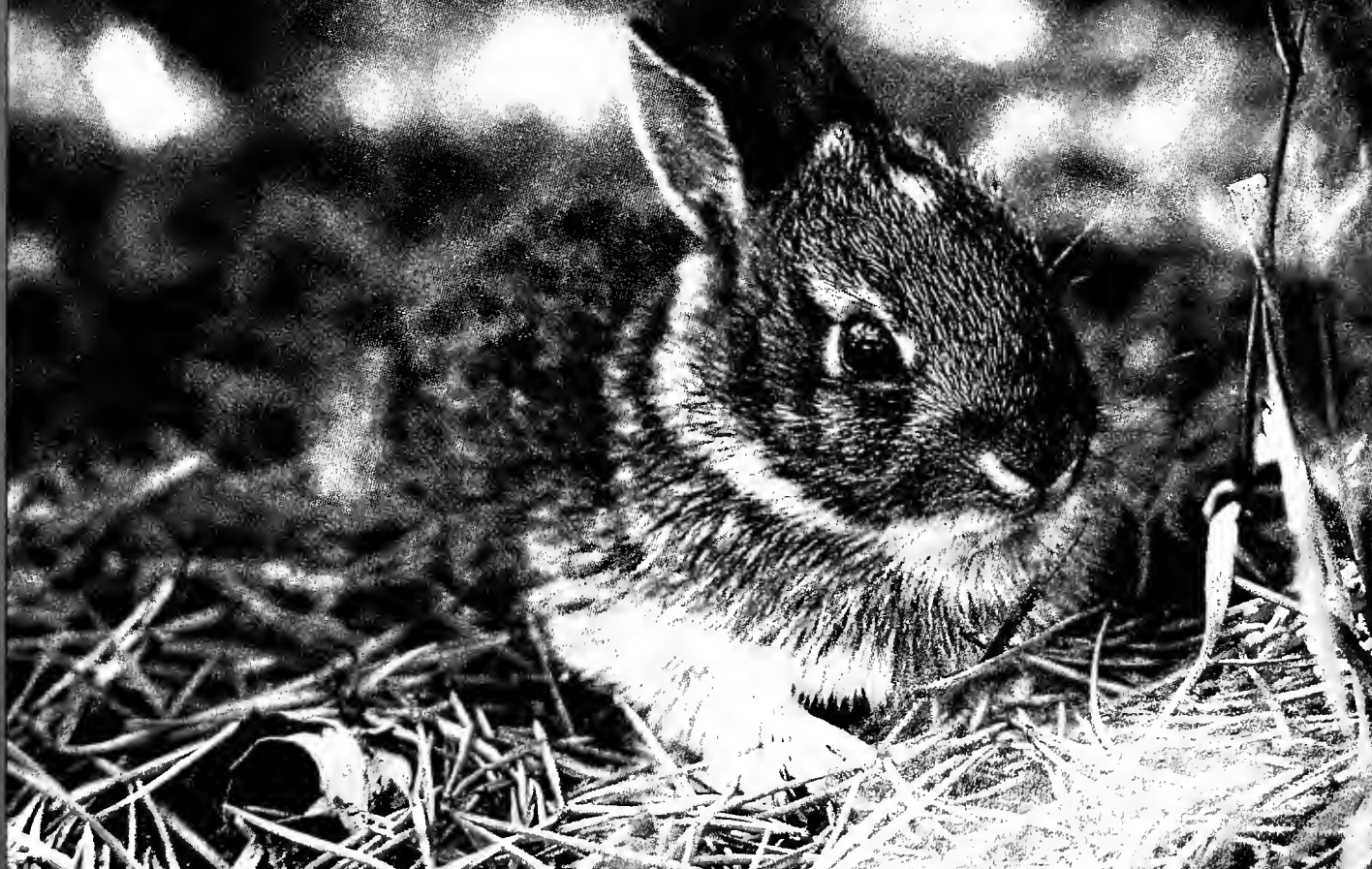
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Keeping Up with the Joneses Isn't Easy! **Mike Milken is Tough to Keep Up with, Too!**

by Charles W. Turner

It depends a lot on the neighborhood in which you live, but keeping up with the Joneses can be tough. One of the problems is that there are a lot of Joneses to keep up with. They number along with the Smiths, Greens and Browns as a very populous group.

Setting a goal to do as well as someone else has always been a futile and meaningless venture. There is always someone who will upstage you. If you keep your yard well mowed, your neighbors will do a better job on their shrubbery. If you buy a new car, they will show up with one just as nice or nicer. If your kid gets a "B", their daughter will get an "A". If you go to Florida on vacation, one of your friends will fly off for a couple of months to New Zealand, Australia or Tahiti.

The same thing is true of finances. About the time you get a raise of \$4.00 per week, you pick up the newspaper and find out how bad your finances really are. This is especially true when you look at the incomes of some of our sports figures. They are signing contracts for a million or two dollars a year. Some of them are college graduates who have difficulty spelling their name correctly.

A recent issue of *TIME* magazine pointed out the sad state of sports in relationship to education. This is really bad news. In fact, each of the four colleges that made it to the NCAA finals received at least \$1,250,000 just for being in the final four. They got a bit more if they made it to the top.

I must admit that a story that I read in the financial journals last week topped them all. It reported on Mr. Michael Milken, one of the "all-time great guys" that you cannot keep up with (and his name is not even "Jones"). He is reported to have made \$550,000,000 in 1987. That comes out to \$1.5 million a day. To put this in another context for all hourly employees,

that amounts to \$187,500 per hour. This assumes he worked a 40 hour week, which he probably did not do. To give him the benefit of the doubt, he probably put in more hours a day than the average guy. I assume he did not get terribly concerned about the hopes of some that the government would raise the minimum wage to \$4.75 per hour.

***The value of our lives
is not measured by
the accumulation
of material goods.***

What is the moral of this story? It seems to be rather obvious that the value of a person's real input into life and society has no relationship to what he receives in material return. We have dedicated teachers, preachers and Christian workers whose incomes for an entire year equal what Mr. Milken made in a few minutes of a single day. Keeping up with a Mr. Trump or a Mr. Milken or a Mr. Jones is not what life is made of anyway.

Life is more than food and dress and weekly income. The real measure of life is the movement of an individual soul from its beginning in life to the time of its departure from this earth. What we do with our allotted time in regards to eternal virtues and obedience to God's revealed truth is what is really important. So many people have set their goals in life for the gathering of material substance. Others want to compare their achievements with others to measure their success. They abide by a misguided golden rule that says, "he who has the gold . . . rules."

This is not true by God's standards. We will be judged not by a comparison with others, or by how much gold we have accumulated, but by how well we did in obeying the truth that we have heard. ■

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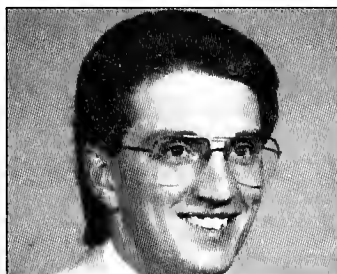
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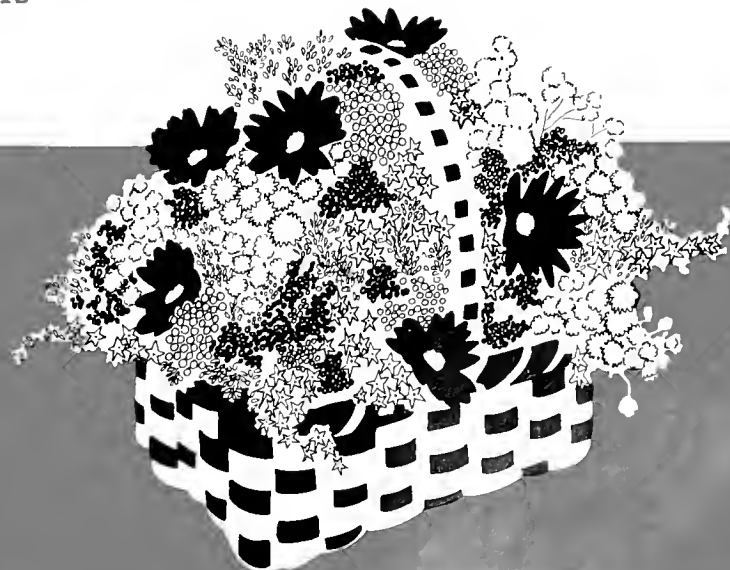
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I love to watch the ducklings' mother
guiding her cute, cuddly, young brood
As they float effortlessly over
the blue water looking for food.

She quacks as she trains each little one,
teaching them to swim and to dive.
They look like they are having such fun
enjoying just being alive.

How comforting to know the God who
created the ducks and river,
the forests and flowers, mountains too,
made me and loves me forever.

As a hen gathers her chicks under
her wing. That's how Jesus wants to
care for each one of us. I wonder
why so often we forget to
take advantage of the Lord's safety.
His love and protection, His peace
He watches over us so closely.
His love for us will never cease.

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the
prophets and stone those sent to you, how
often I have longed to gather your children
together, as a hen gathers her chicks under
her wings, but you were not willing."*

Matthew 23:37

*"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she has
borne? Though she may forget, I will not
forget you. See, I have engraved you on the
palms of my hands."*

Isaiah 49:15,16a

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give
you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not
be afraid."*

John 14:27

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Praise the Lord.

*Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord.
Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to the place
where it sets
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
His glory above the heavens.
Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
He seats them with princes,
with the princes of their people.
He settles the barren woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.
Praise the Lord.*

Psalm 113

*"For this is what the Lord says:
'I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the wealth of nations like a flooding
stream;
you will nurse and be carried on her arm
and dandled on her knees.
As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you;
and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.'"*
Isaiah 66:12,13

Dear Father,

Lord, what a wonderful promise You have given us that You care for us even more than a mother cares for her infant. Remind us that we are as dependent upon You as a newborn infant is on his mother. Thank you for promising that You have engraved us on the palms of Your hands and that You will not forget us. What comfort that gives.

Thank you for giving us peace like a river. You comfort us like a mother who lovingly cradles and gently rocks her child. Lord, You are so mighty and loving and faithful. How can we ever give You the praises You deserve?

Thank You, Lord, for all your blessings. Thank You for Your love and mercy, Your forgiveness and salvation. Help us to give Your peace and comfort to others and to remember that we are all Your children.

Civil Disobedience

Editor's Note: In our March issue we began a discussion of the Current Christian Issue of Civil Disobedience. This article recently appeared in Citizen magazine and is reprinted with their permission. We are printing this article to show one side of this issue and to encourage you to think about the subject. Printing this article does not mean the editorial staff of the Herald agrees with every statement contained in this article or approves of the stand held by each person quoted. Please read this article, pray about the issue, discuss it within your church and write to us. We would like to hear from you to see how you are handling this issue within your local church.

A New Era for the Pro-life Movement

by Paul Smith

Even by the standards of the 1960s civil rights disturbances, the numbers seemed huge: 230 arrested in Cherry Hill, New Jersey last November; 1,600 arrested in New York City in May; 834 arrested in Philadelphia during July 4th week.

This time the issue was not race relations, but unborn babies. Abortion protestors, part of the new and fast growing rescue movement, had begun planting themselves outside abortion clinics. The purpose of Operation Rescue, the group that organized these demonstrations, was to mobilize and reinvigorate the pro-life movement by creating the necessary social tension across the nation that would halt abortion.

The Atlanta Breakthrough

While the first "rescues" gained limited publicity, it was a decision by the protest leaders to stage a rescue in Atlanta during the week of the Democratic Convention that vaulted the movement into the national Christian conscience.

The first people to be arrested in Atlanta refused to give their names, preferring instead to use the aliases "Baby Jane Doe" and "Baby John Doe." After serving only four days in jail, a tentative agreement was reached with city officials that the rescuers could be released as "Baby Jane and Baby John Doe" time served, since they had already spent more time in jail than a simple trespassing charge warrants.

But something unexpected happened. According to protest leaders, the attorney for the Atlanta Women's Medical Center, Margie Pitts Hames, pressured authorities not to release the protesters until they gave their names. (Hames gained national prominence 15 years ago when she argued

Doe vs. Bolton, the companion case to Roe vs. Wade, before the Supreme Court.) The result was a showdown between the pro-life rescuers and the abortion industry. The picketers refused to budge, not giving their names and languishing in jail. The days soon stretched into weeks, and yet nearly one hundred picketers remained locked up.

Operation Rescue's civil disobedience gains national momentum and the endorsement of Christian leaders.

It was during this time that the leader of Operation Rescue, 29-year-old minister Randall Terry of Binghamton, New York, determined to make Atlanta the "Selma" of the pro-life movement. (Civil rights demonstrators of the 1960s view the protest in Selma, Alabama as the turning point in the struggle for racial equality.)

Terry said, "We did not anticipate this, but God did. It was God's plan. I would not have chosen this city, not this time. But it seems that Providence has brought us here."

Christian Leaders Endorse Rescues

The major news media, from television networks to the wire services, were slow to chronicle the plight of the protestors.

The Christian media, however, did take up the cause. The Christian Broadcasting Network was soon providing daily coverage of the operation, featuring interviews with Terry and many of the jailed rescuers.

Focus on the Family first documented the Atlanta story on the August 5 edition of its radio news broadcast, Family News in Focus, and that was followed by a special broadcast of Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family radio program.

It was during that August 8 broadcast, heard on over 1,200 radio stations, that a new chapter of the rescue movement was written. That day Randall Terry and the rescue movement gained the endorsement of Focus on the Family. Dobson would later explain, "We can't wait for slow judiciary process to evolve. Those babies will be dead tomorrow."

But Dobson was not alone in his endorsement of the rescue movement. Dr. D. James Kennedy, pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church and a popular religious broadcaster heard weekly on over two hundred radio stations and nearly three hundred television stations, also placed his imprimatur on the rescues.

After a meeting with Terry, Kennedy sent a letter to numerous Christian leaders encouraging them to join in support of Operation Rescue. "I am treating Operation Rescue as another division of the legitimate frontline forces for the pro-life movement. I am personally endorsing Operation Rescue."

Then, in a startling move, Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, held a press conference in Atlanta to announce his support for the rescue cause. "Nonviolent civil disobedience is the only way to bring an end to the biological holocaust in this country," he said.

The reason for the surprise over Falwell's stamp of approval is that for many years the Moral Majority officially opposed "non-violent civil disobedience" as the way to halt abortion, insisting instead that persistent legal efforts were sufficient to combat abortion.

Appeals to Mayor Young

More than 40 U.S. congressmen, while not officially endorsing the rescue movement, did sign a letter, authored by Clyde Holloway (R-LA), encouraging Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young to release the jailed picketers. Young's official response was that he had no legal means by which he could order the release of the protesters, and that the courts would have to settle the matter.

Yet, the message communicated by this outpouring of support is clear. The rescue movement is now viewed as a legitimate response to abortion. And Terry believes that what has happened in Atlanta since the Democratic Convention will give "birth" to hundreds of rescues throughout the United States.

A Pastor's Response

By late August, nearly 800 people had been arrested in Atlanta for trespassing and blocking the entrances of abortion clinics, and more were arriving from out of state each week to continue the

protest. However, the vast majority of these are not now in jail. Even nearly all of the first protesters who refused to give their names were finally released after about 40 days in prison.

One of those men who served time in an Atlanta jail is pastor Mike Wood, of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta.

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For a long time Wood had been trying to convince himself that he did not have to participate in a pro-life rescue. "My argument . . . was the idea that as long as the law doesn't compel me to kill children, then I don't have to disobey the law. Only if the law commanded me to do something immoral would I then have God's permission to violate the law."

That reasoning served to salve his conscience until one day he realized that U.S. abortion laws did require him to violate God's laws.

"Now I'm not a lawyer and I don't pretend to be speaking with any expert legal advice. But my understanding of the law, and what brought it home to me was the fact that our trespass laws specifically provide that if someone's physical life is in danger, and you are acting in order to preserve someone else's life, you may violate the trespass laws."

With this understanding, Wood finally recognized the quandary every pro-lifer is in. It is against the law for those who believe abortion is murder to trespass onto the property of an abortion clinic in an effort to stop the killing of fetal children. And with that realization, Wood believed it was time to stop complying with the laws of man and start obeying God's law.

The Goal Is to End Abortion

"North American history shows that political change usually follows street level upheaval," says Randall Terry. "Women's voting rights, the labor movement, the civil rights movement, the anti-Vietnam war movement, the feminist movement, the homosexual movement, and the sexual revolution. Things that brought about good change and even horrible change, the political change was preceded by street level upheaval."

According to Terry, this has been the missing element in the pro-life movement. "While a holocaust is going on under our noses, which is

larger by a factor of four than what happened with Hitler, we're carrying a sign once in a while, or writing a letter once in a while. And I'm not against those things. I do those things. But we need a far more drastic response if murder is really going on."

"A holocaust is going on under our noses."

Operation Rescue was by no means Terry's first pro-life effort. Still in operation are a crisis pregnancy center and a home for unwed mothers, which he started in Binghamton several years ago. Yet, it was his conviction that "a far more drastic response" was needed to end the abortion holocaust, that prompted him to start Operation Rescue in October 1986.

Terry is thrilled as he witnesses the change in the pro-life community's attitude toward rescues. "Already across the country, we're seeing groups that are saying, 'This is the will of God. We have failed. We need to repent. We need to go down and protect these babies and these mothers.' And it's springing up all across the country."

Babies Are Dying

Probably the most effective promoter of Operation Rescue remains James Dobson. Encouraged by the August 8 broadcast of Focus on the Family, people from across the nation traveled to Atlanta to participate in the rescues. Then on September 14, Focus on the Family aired another interview between Dobson and Randall Terry. Also participating was a panel of men who only recently determined it was time to involve themselves in the rescue movement.

During that presentation, perhaps Dobson best explained the conviction that must grip all pro-life Christians if the rescue movement is to be fully embraced, "It comes down to whether or not you believe that an unborn baby is a real, live, human being, a creation of God whose soul will live some place in eternity. If you believe that, then all of the fringe arguments of civil disobedience, or of rape and incest, they become folly. Because you would not kill a one-year-old who is the product of rape. You wouldn't kill a one-year-old who is the product of incest. You wouldn't kill a one-year-old who wasn't going to live very long anyway. And you wouldn't stand still for someone else killing a one-year-old simply because they were behind 'No Trespassing' signs."

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Letters from Our Readers

From time to time we bring current issues before our readers and we ask them to respond. We did this with Home Schooling, AIDS and now Civil Disobedience.

The purpose is to have churches and individuals think through these issues. The March article "Civil Disobedience -- Right or Wrong?" moved this subject into the active discussion area for *Herald* readers.

We did receive letters and some responses. One person said of the article "It makes a strong case for justifying those acts". Another thought I was not for Civil Disobedience but against it. The majority of readers complained that I had brought up the question, but did not provide an answer. They were of course right since I asked for you to think through certain circumstances with me. The letters I received show the joy of being an editor -- people read what they want to read most of the time.

We will conclude this discussion in the next issue. It is clear there are a variety of different opinions.

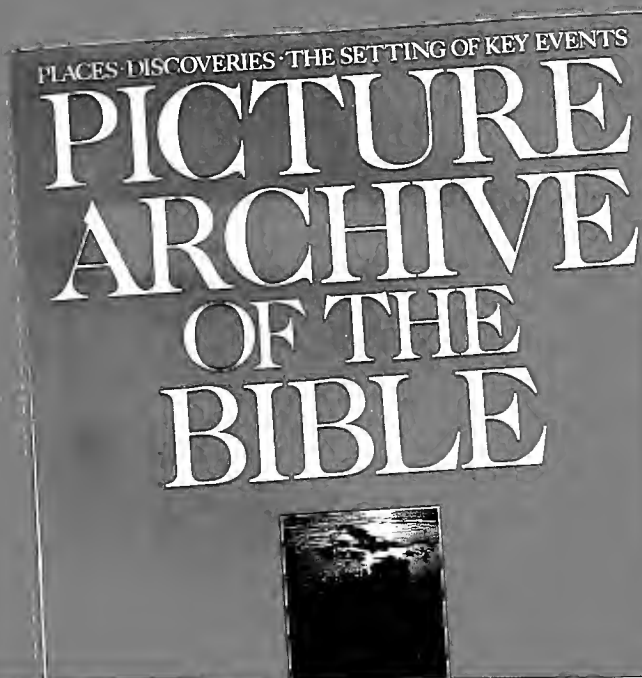
Now to answer the question most asked by those who commented. What is your opinion? If you have heard me on the road lately you would not have to ask. I oppose abortion as evil and murder. But personally, I have very strong doubts about civil disobedience in relationship to present activities. I also have doubts about spending a lot of time and effort on getting laws changed. The greatest law ever given is still in the BOOK.

In my opinion it is a matter of priorities. The first mission of the Christian believer is to see persons won to Christ as Savior. Changing laws and improving society may be a noble goal, but it is not the solution. It may bring persons to the gates of Hell in better clothing, but will not get them into Heaven. The church and believers need to get back to basics again.

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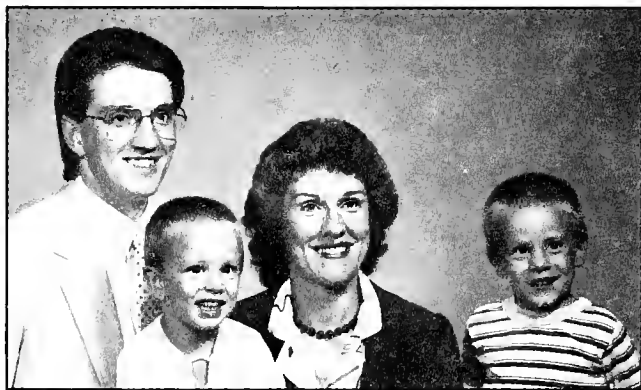
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“God, I don’t know what to do . . . Help Me!”

Adapted from a message by Steve Popenfoose, Financial Officer at GBFM

I was frustrated to the point of depression. I was tired. I was helpless.

December 12 -- I received a phone call from missionary Betsy Morris, the treasurer of the France field. The team was almost out of money which they needed to pay rent and utilities and to buy gasoline. If they went to the bank in France to cash a check, they would have to wait up to two weeks for the check to clear. They needed the money immediately, so I wired it through our



Steve, Joel, Paula and Jon Popenfoose

Warsaw bank. It should take two days at the most.

January 3 -- The money had still not arrived. In those three weeks I had spent 15 hours on the phone trying to locate the money. Bankers in Warsaw, Indianapolis, Paris, and Lyon all claimed they had done their job, but the money had not arrived.

I was frustrated. I just didn't want to send another wire. No one knew where the last wire was, why it went astray, or what I should do differently to assure its arrival this time. I was depressed.

You see, I am a guy who solves problems. I am a guy who takes pride in having everything under control and here was a situation that was beyond my control. Beyond my control.

I realized that I had not asked God to get that money to France. I don't usually pray about my responsibilities when I have the ability to accomplish them.

Defeated, I went into my office and closed the door. "God, I don't know what to do. I don't know how to do it. I don't know when to do it. I have not been able to identify the problem so I can't make an intelligent decision on how to wire the money differently this time. I am helpless. Help me," I prayed.

Then I called the bank and ordered another transfer. Just on a whim I changed the routing to a different network of banks and went home worried.

January 4 -- That night I didn't sleep well. I often don't when I'm anxious. At 3:45 AM I got out of bed and

went to work. I arrived at 4:30. It was 10:30 AM in France and I knew Betsy would be at the office. I wanted to tell her about the wire. (Transfers usually take two to three days.) I hoped she could hold out until then.

"Hello," she said (in French).

"This is Steve."

"It's here!" she shouted. "The new way you sent the money saved us from paying extra fees. Thanks for your hard work, we appreciate all you are doing." She said goodbye and hung up.

"It's there," I thought, relieved. Three weeks of hard work paid off. Then I remembered. I had prayed. Just twelve hours before I had told God that I was helpless and asked for His help. I had struggled for three weeks and had come up empty. I prayed and it took God twelve hours.

As I sat there alone in that dark office building I had a powerful experience of the existence and presence of God. I realized that just hours before I had uttered a simple prayer of helplessness, and when I spoke the words vibrated the eardrum of the Lord Jesus. He turned His omniscient eyes upon me and rolled up the sleeve of His omnipotent arm and said, "I'm going to help my people in France and I'm going to teach Steve Popenfoose that I exist and am a rewarder of those who seek Me."

I cried. I confessed my sin. I understood how Peter had felt that day in the boat when he pulled in that net of fish. I said, "Lord, depart from me for I am a sinful man."

But I didn't learn my lesson.

The very moment God answered my prayer, I was burdened with even bigger worries. GBFM was facing a financial crisis - a potential \$500,000 deficit. Six months earlier I had gone to Tom Julien, our executive director, and explained how bleak the financial situation was.

He said, "Let's call a Day of Prayer next week. We will close the office, get alone with God, and ask Him to meet our need. Let's start having prayer every morning before we start work. Then let's call another Day of Prayer in December."

"Tom is a former missionary, what else would he say?" I thought. "He's not really burdened with the financial knowledge I have. He'll just pray. The guy who looks at the numbers every day is really the only person that understands how good or bad it is -- except maybe God."

So we prayed every day. And for the rest of my life, I will remember Tom Julien's words as we sat down each morning for that prayer meeting, "People, let us focus on God. In who He is and what He is able to do. Let us pray in faith that He will meet our need."

It was January 4 and a \$300,000 deficit seemed

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Have you ever been a part of something really exciting, something out of the ordinary, something you would be able to look back on for the rest of your life and say, "Remember when . . ." That is how we at Grace Brethren Foreign Missions feel about the way God answered our prayers concerning our financial needs in 1988.

Last July our financial officer, Steve Popenfoose, announced the stark news that we were facing a deficit of nearly a half million dollars, an amount which would be devastating to an organization of our size. There were no obvious solutions. We economized all we could, but this was a nickel and dime solution to a bigger-than-our-imaginings problem. We did endeavor to communicate our need through

Operation Lifeline. But the greatest thing that we did was to start knocking . . . knocking persistently on the door of our loving Father in Heaven. At times we questioned ourselves as to whether we were really knocking or just going through the motions. We claimed Matthew 7:7-8 over and over again.

Ask and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

Then it happened. On January 9th checks started rolling in. Mountains of checks. We collected over a half million dollars in ten days. A half million dollars. We ended the year in the black.

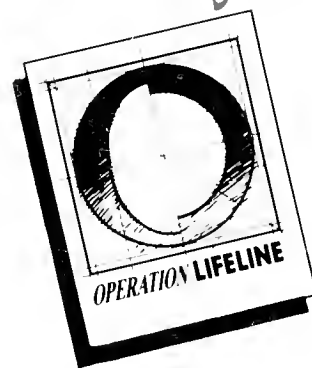
It is no mystery to us where the money came from. Your names are on the signature line, but to think of one God moving in all of you to such an extent is simply wonderful.

There are many lessons. Perhaps the greatest is that we need not worry about the answer—wondering whether or not it is God's will or if God has another plan. We dare not be bound by those mental gymnastics. We will ask and we will believe.

The Grace Brethren Foreign Missions staff hopes that you can share with us the feeling of being a part of something really exciting, something out of our lives and say, "Remember when . . . God answered our prayers."

Your partnership is vital and appreciated.

*Thank
you*



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NEWS UPDATE

New Church in Florida

Dr. Lester Pifer has organized a Grace Brethren church in the North Point/Venice area of Florida. Services are being held in the North Port Mall Conference Room at 13000 Tamimi Blvd. in North Point. The church has asked for support from the Sun Coast District and the Home Missions Council.

Spring Bible Conference

LITITZ, PA: The Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, PA hosted its annual Spring Bible Conference which began on March 19 and concluded March 22. Dr. John Davis was the guest speaker and was joined by vocalists Brian and Kim Clift.

Dr. Davis is president of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN and holds the rank of professor of Old Testament in the Seminary. He holds a B.A. from Trinity College; M.Div. (with honor), Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Grace Theological Seminary; and D.D. from Trinity College. He has also completed graduate study at the Near East School of Archaeology at Jerusalem and at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He has participated in archaeological expeditions to the Holy Land, is a popular lecturer, author, and sportsman. He also conducted a fishing clinic while in the area.

The Clifts—Brian speaks and sings for men's retreats and conferences and has a special ministry with young people concerning rock music. Kim was named "Miss Country Music USA" in 1975 and was a personal secretary to Anita Bryant and a member of the Anita Bryant Singers. Jerry Young is the pastor.

SPOKANE, WA: George Christie has assumed the pastorate of the

Spokane Valley Grace Brethren Church. He began his ministry on April 1, 1989.

LAFAYETTE, IN. The work of the Greater Lafayette Grace Brethren Church has been closed as of March 31, 1989.

DON BUCKINGHAM became the assistant pastor of the Northwest Chapel Grace Brethren Church, Dublin, OH, on April 1, 1989.

RON WELSH has resigned from the pastorate of the Blue Ridge Grace Brethren Church, Winchester, VA, as of April 17, 1989.

DEATHS

EASTRIDGE, ROBERT T., 67, March 3, 1989. He was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Centerville, OH, and actively assisted in hospital ministry. Greg Ryerson, pastor.

KLINGLER, WANDA, 56, February 10, wife of Pastor Gene Klingler of the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, OH. A memorial service was held in Fremont, OH, and burial took place in Arizona.

MOYER, J. REUBEN, 72, March 5, 1989. He was a faithful member of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church of Telford, PA. Roger Wambold, pastor.

SHELDON, HATTIE, 88, February 10, veteran missionary and wife of Chauncy Sheldon who preceded her in death in 1972. Her memorial service was held in the Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, CA, where she had been a member for many years. Former Missionary Harold Dunning led her "coronation service," and he was assisted by Don Miller and Pastor Dick Mayhue.

TOWNER, GERALD, 81, February 10, 1989. He had been a member of the First Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH, for fifty years and

served in a number of church offices. He and his wife, Phyllis, served in VBS and camp ministries in many Grace Brethren churches in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

WATKINS, EDNA G., 91, January 24, 1989. She was a longtime member of the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Pastors Don Rough and Don Rager officiated at the memorial service.

MARRIAGE:

RONK: Regina Blair and Brian Ronk were married on September 3, 1988, at the Rosemont Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, WV. Carl Baker, pastor.

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FLORIDA. The new phone number for the Palm Harbor Grace Brethren Church is: 813/937-0234.

HAWAII. The address of the Silversword Grace Brethren Church is: R. 1, Box 605A, Kula, HI 96790.

Herald Tour to England

The Brethren Missionary Herald Tour to England was a great success. Forty-seven persons from California, Florida, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington D.C. joined together to take this seven day trip in March.

The group stayed in the Onslow Court Hotel in the South Kensington area of London. Trips included



Outside Westminster Abbey



Blenheim Palace

Stratford-on-Avon, Blenheim Palace (the birthplace of Winston Churchill), Oxford University and Warwick Castle. A half day tour of London included a tour of Westminster Abbey.



Riding the London Underground from left to right: Robert Gullick, BMH Board Chairman James Bustraan, Sandra Gullick, June Turner, and Dottie Bustraan.

Side tours taken by the group included the Victoria and Albert Museum, the British Museum and the Tower of London which houses the Crown Jewels. A few members of the group had an opportunity to see the Queen arrive at Buckingham Palace or walk across the Tower Bridge. Individual members of the group also visited a number of other places, such as Picadilly Circus, Kensington Palace, Harrod's, and The National Portrait Gallery.

The Herald Corporation started taking groups on tours 18 years ago. In addition to our London trip, tours have been taken to Mexico and Hawaii (five times). The next trip will probably be to Spain in the spring of 1991. The tour will be limited to 48 persons.

Alaskan Fish 'n' Camp

Lakewood, CA J and Donni Knepper are planning more of their popular Alaskan Fish 'n' Camps. Last year, a group of men from Alaska and two Grace Brethren pastors (John Gillis and Chris Hay) joined with the group for excitement and adventure. Several side excursions were a part of the 1988 camp, including a fly-in fishing trip to the remote fishing village of Seldovia, a canoe trip on the Swanson River and a trip to the Portage Glacier. Each man took home about 72 lbs. of King Salmon and Alaskan Halibut steaks. The photo shows Brad Wille with a 75 lb. halibut caught during last year's trip. Interested *Herald* readers may contact the Kneppers for complete information: 4543 Shadeway Rd., Lakewood, CA 90713. 213/ 425-3527.



Mayhue Returns to Master's

Dr. Richard Mayhue, Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, CA has resigned. He will return to the staff of John MacArthur's church. He will also be teaching at Master's College. Dr. Mayhue has written a number of books, the latest is *Unmasking Satan* published by Victor Books.

To Dream Again

Clear Direction for Our Fellowship

Two years ago, our moderator Tom Julien challenged the Fellowship Council to "present to National Conference, by 1989, a fully-developed strategy of outreach for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, giving us direction for the final decade of our century." The Fellowship Council commissioned a Strategy Committee composed of Jim Custer, Tom Julien and Ed Trenner to work on this challenge.

The work began with a survey of pastors and leaders all over the Fellowship so that the strategy would grow up from the grass roots and not be imposed from above. The Committee met several times to consider the information being gathered. Then in January of this year, the Committee sat down with selected pastors and leaders to compose the first draft of a directional statement. This proposed statement was presented to the Fellowship Council and adopted.

The recommended purpose of our Fellowship puts the focus on local Grace Brethren Churches:

To encourage and enable local churches in equipping and uniting the saints in fulfilling the great commission.

The recommended objectives and goals focus our energy and resources to meet the needs expressed by people throughout the Fellowship. Among the challenging needs addressed are:

- **A new passion for God evidenced in vital worship, holy living, consistent prayer, and courageous faith.**
- **A focus on helping our people share their faith.**
- **The development of leadership for our churches.**
- **Planting Grace Brethren Churches worldwide. (We now number 1,000 churches. We want to be 2,000 by 2000 A.D.)**
- **Improvement of our communications and networking in the Fellowship.**
- **Establishment of an International Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.**

The size of these objectives demand that we fully depend upon the Lord. That is an exciting prospect for our Fellowship. But these objectives also require that all of us work together. Members, churches, district and national organizations must focus all their resources to reach our common goals.

Leaders of our national organizations are already meeting to determine how they can help us implement this new direction.

Any effective planning process must remain open to re-evaluation. While the directional statement represents our best thinking at this time, everything is "written in pencil, not ink" and is open to revision. All the pastors of our Fellowship will soon receive a copy of the proposed first draft for review and feedback. The Strategy Committee will meet before National Conference to refine the directional statement. The final draft of our strategy will be presented to the delegates at National Conference this summer.

We believe the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches can make a significant impact on the world in this final decade of the twentieth century. These dreams reflect the kind of Fellowship we believe God wants in the year 2000: A Fellowship alive with faith and pleasing to our Lord.

THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Tom Julien

Dave Plaster

Ed Trenner

Jerry Young, Chairman

Help Me!

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inevitable. That's so big it doesn't really mean anything to you and me. Tom was still saying, "I believe that we will end the year in the black." I doubted that people would give that much and, quite frankly, was almost irritated by Tom's attitude!

January 9 -- The checks began to roll in, heavily. Mountains of checks. As a matter of fact, we collected over \$500,000 in about ten days. A half million dollars. We ended the year in the black.

I made a commitment to God at that point. "Lord, for the rest of my life I will not get hung up on the fact that it might not be Your will, or that You might have a different plan."

God NEVER tells us to get bound up with all those rational reasons why it might not happen. He says, "**Ask and believe.**"

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Moving Beyond Our Comfort Zones

by Larry N. Chamberlain

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches can be a strategic and powerful force for God in the next decade and on into the next century. What we have preserved over these past fifty years is our commitment to the truth of God's Word and the Great Commission at home and abroad. That has laid the groundwork, the foundation, for the future of our Fellowship.

We have a strong heritage of faith. Those who have gone before us have not built for us a pinnacle from which there is nowhere else to go. Rather, they constructed a platform of strength, built with a Love for God and His Word. It's a platform on which we, the next generation, are now called to build. Our commitment must be the same, to maintain the integrity of our doctrinal positions and to reach out to the billions of people upon this globe with the only message of hope and redemption.

USA TODAY reported last year that a fifty-year-old woman was preparing to attempt a month-long assault on Mount Everest. She was asked why she would attempt such a feat at her age. She responded, "Moving beyond your comfort zone . . . that's how you achieve things!"

Our Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches is celebrating its fifty year heritage of faith. We have accomplished great things, yet there is so much more to be done. I am convinced that if we are to achieve great things for God in our future, if we are



to assault the high peaks before us successfully, we must move beyond our comfort zones.

- We must, as a Fellowship, move beyond the traditional comfort zones of rural and middle-suburban America and project ourselves into the multi-ethnic dynamics of urban USA. It is estimated that by the year 2000, minorities will be the majority of the US population. If we are to reach ethnic America for Christ, we must adjust our ministry culturally and geographically. We must move out of the suburban comfort zones and into the tension zones of the inner city.
- We must, as a Fellowship, train and encourage a corps of pioneer pastoral leadership. These leaders must be willing to move beyond the perceived comfort zone of established ministry and venture out into the high risk battleground of church planting at home and abroad.
- We must, as a Fellowship, if we expect to grow, move beyond the comfort zone of generation growth. We must boldly reach the unchurched and develop a sensitivity to seekers, laying aside our timidity and aggressively presenting the message of Christ to a lost and dying world.
- We must, as a Fellowship, if we are to reach our world for Christ, move beyond the comfort zone of independent, isolated thinking. We must recognize our dependency upon each other for expanded efforts in the Great Commission, collectively building upon our individual strengths and common ground of Christian fellowship. We must move into the sometimes uncomfortable zone of cooperative effort, dialogue, and joint strategy. Separated, we will lose . . . united, we can win!
- We must, as a Fellowship, mobilize our congregations to move beyond the comfort zone of American apathy and affluence. We must move into the activity zones of church body life and ministry, developing and exercising our spiritual gifts, not for self-glory nor short-lived honor, but to magnify the indwelling Lord.
- We must, as a Fellowship, prevail against the comfort zone of scriptural and spiritual compromise. We need to keep intact our genuine, heart-felt enthusiasm and commitment to the in-

tegrity of the Word of God and the integrity of personal virtue. We must protect for the next generation those spiritual truths which have sustained us. As someone has expressed it, "Don't adjust it, simply trust it!"

Dr. Richard C. Halverson, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, writing an article entitled "Earning the Public Trust" in an issue of the Christian Legal Society's *Quarterly*, quoted 19th century professor Alexander Tytler's sobering observations about the future:

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith - from spiritual faith to great courage - from courage to liberty - from liberty to abundance - from abundance to selfishness - from selfishness to complacency - from complacency to apathy - from apathy to dependency - from dependency back into bondage.

Are we running out of time? How long will America continue as a great provider of resources, "a sending nation" in Great Commission enterprise? What are the alarming trends? According to a recent Gallup survey, 78 million Americans do not belong to **any** church or synagogue, **up** from 61 million in 1978. And most of our fellow Americans who do attend church will hear a social gospel and not the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have accomplished great things, yet there is so much more to be done.

If we, as a Fellowship, expect to make an impact for Christ among the peoples of the world in the next decade and on into the next century, we must move beyond our comfort zones. We must exhibit the daring and futuristic courage of our forefathers, building upon their foundation a structure of strength and integrity for the generations yet to come.

And let's do it together!



Larry N. Chamberlain is Assistant Executive Director of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, and Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries. On July 1, he will assume the position of Executive Director. He has served as treasurer of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches since 1978, and is moderator of the Winona Lake, IN Grace Brethren Church.

Grace Brethren Home Missions at National Conference

**Winona Lake, Indiana
July 28 -- August 3, 1989**

Friday and Saturday, July 28-29 Leadership Workshop

Be the guest of Grace Brethren Home Missions at the annual *Pastors' Leadership Workshop*: **PREACHING FOR IMPACT: Techniques for Clarity and Relevance.** The workshop leader will be Dr. Donald Sunukjian, pastor of Westlake Bible Church, Austin, Texas, and former professor at Dallas Seminary. Special activities for pastors' wives include two sessions with Mrs. Sunukjian.



Dr. Donald Sunukjian

All sessions and lunches will be at the Grace College Dining Commons in Winona Lake, Indiana. Child care will be provided at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church.

There is no charge, but donations toward meal costs and child care will be accepted. You **MUST** register by June 30.

A descriptive brochure has been mailed to all FGBC pastors. For more information call 219/267-5161 or write GBHM, P.O. Box 587, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Sunday, July 30 Great Missions Rally

A shared vision for the 90's -- The Missions Rally will present a unified program using audiovisuals and live testimonies from Grace Brethren Home and Foreign missionaries. The rally will be held from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Homer Rodeheaver Auditorium, Winona Lake, as part of the FGBC National Conference.



Thompson Reception

In recognition of his twenty-three years with the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, the last four as its Executive Director, the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council Board of Directors will honor Dr. Bob Thompson at the afternoon Missions Rally. A reception for Bob and Betty Thompson will be held at the International Friendship House, Winona Lake, Indiana from 4:00-5:30 p.m.



Dr. Robert Thompson

Tuesday, August 1 Corporation Luncheon

A corporate luncheon will be held at 12:45 p.m. in the Grace College Dining Commons. A great lunch and a stimulating program featuring Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries will encourage, excite, and challenge members of the Corporation. All for only \$5.50. Reservations must be made by contacting the Winona Lake office (Corporation ballots mailed later this spring will include a reservation card).

Challenge Hour

There will be a Challenge Hour beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Homer Rodeheaver Auditorium. The program will include great music, exciting testimonies, a challenge from Larry Chamberlain, new Executive Director, and introduction of the 1989-90 America Now audiovisual challenge: "At the Cutting Edge."



Larry Chamberlain



James W. Johnson, Director

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An Open Letter to Grace Brethren People

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

What an exciting time of year! Spring means renewal and new beginnings. And Spring is the time for building, too.

We have been overwhelmed here at the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation with loan requests from Fellowship churches, almost all of them for building projects.

Loans have been approved or are pending for churches in Lititz, Pennsylvania; Johnstown, Pennsylvania (two churches); Hagerstown, Maryland; Lakeland, Bradenton and Maitland, Florida; Toledo, Northwood and Dublin, Ohio; Westminster, California; Prosser, Washington; Taos, New Mexico and Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Many additional congregations have made inquiries but have not yet submitted formal applications.

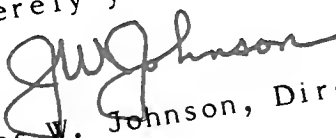
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We are here to serve, and we thank you for making that possible.

Sincerely yours in His service,


James W. Johnson, Director

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"What Will You Give Me?"

by Cheryl Kaufman

A true story of evangelism on the mission field and seed planted during an unusual circumstance with surprising results.

Our weekend conference just finished and Jack (our new business administrator in Bangui) had his full morning planned. His first errand was to take Margaret to the Immigration Office. Jack, not yet being accustomed to Bangui streets, got stopped by the police for going the wrong way on a one-way street. Jack and Margaret, both using their best French and Sango respectively, tried to explain, but to no avail. The policeman insisted that Jack would have to go to the police headquarters to pay the fine.

Since Jack's errand was to take Margaret and others to the airport, they were permitted to return to the mission station to drop Margaret off and get a replacement chauffeur for the airport run. I was asked to help Jack through this experience. I pled his case there in the mission station parking lot, but the policeman insisted that we would have to pay the "one-hundred-and-fifty dollar fine."

"Do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour."

Jack, the policeman and I got into the car, and while making our way towards the police station, the policeman asked what we would give him if he released Jack. (Bribery is common here). I testify to the truth of Mark 13:11 being in effect from that moment: *"Do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit."*

I explained, "missionaries didn't come with much money, but we came with the Word of God. God's Word teaches that everyone has sinned, and payment for that sin is death." I went on to add, "when one recognizes his sins and asks pardon, the goodness of God forgives us through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. Jack recognized his fault, has asked pardon, but there is none, so he will pay." "Do you know God?" I asked.

"I am a Catholic," he replied.

I told him that if he understood the Bible and its teachings, he probably knew all of this. Parking close to the police station, I asked the man where we should go. Instead of giving us directions, he handed over the car papers and Jack's papers, and said he was releasing us.

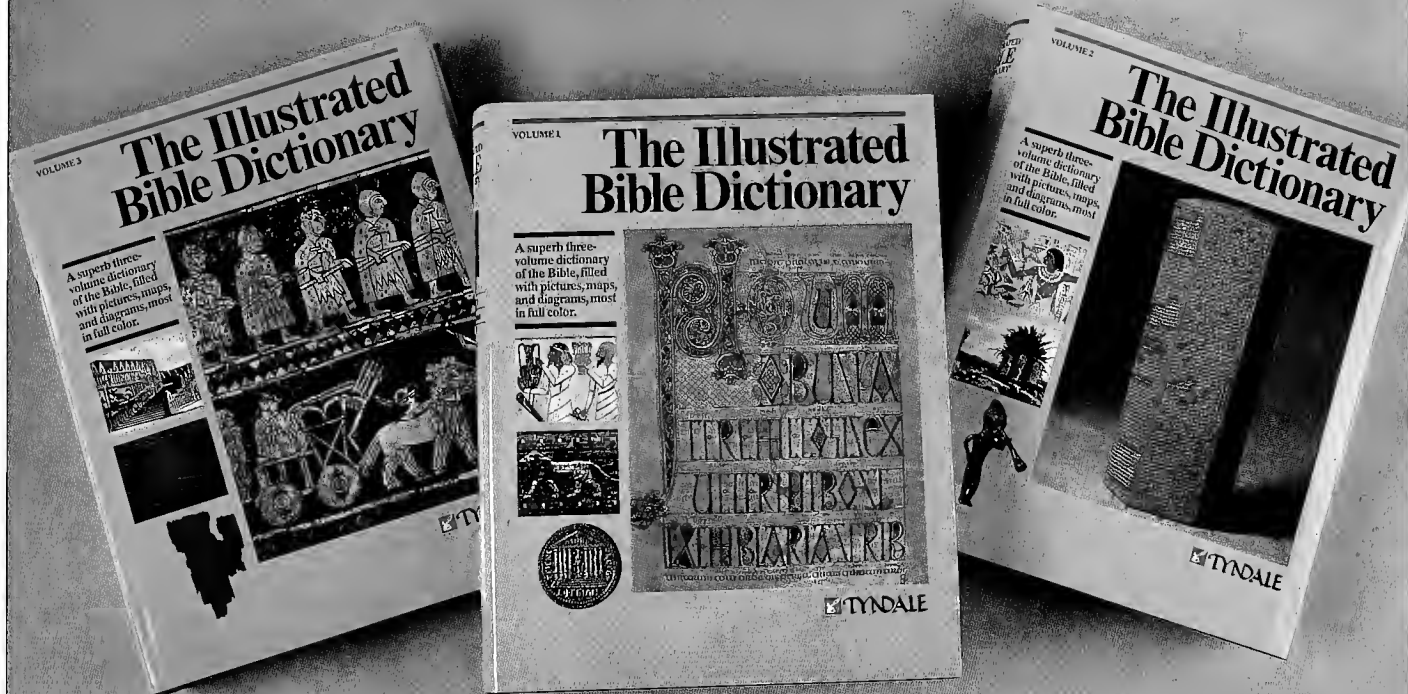
As I thought about my immediate response to his initial question, "What will you give me?" and I asked him if he had a Bible. He said he had a French New Testament. I told him that if he wanted a complete Bible to read, he could stop by the mission and receive one. I left him my name on the back of a tract, just in case I would never see him again. However, Jude came by a few hours later to pick up his French Bible and a French Bible course entitled, "The Christian Life." After some explanation of the course, I told him that I would pray for his understanding of God's Word.

Will I ever know if Jude came to grips with his life to make a decision for the Lord? I don't know, but I do know that because of my love for Christ, I delight in obeying Him by planting and watering and trusting God for the increase!



Editor's note: This true incident in the life of Cheryl Kaufman, missionary in the Central African Republic, illustrates an important principle taught in First Love Renewals, namely, that God gives His children the natural ability to handle eternal truths properly, and to adjust them to the needs of the listener from the very moment of salvation. This produces an evangelism that is free from guilt and error -- one that is 100 percent successful!

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A Goal for Caleb

by Mrs. Evelyn Johnson

*Missionary to Brazil and wife of
the Brazil Field Superintendent*

Pele, Brazil's best known soccer player, is a hero to every boy in Brazil. Most boys play soccer from little up and dedicate their youth to scoring soccer goals in their lives, but these goals are temporary. Though he never scored a single soccer goal, Caleb has already achieved the eternal goals God had planned for him.

Allow me to introduce you to Caleb, the son of Naza and Ivanildo Trindade.

Standing in the delivery room at 2 a.m. watching Caleb come into the world, I held my breath first in fear as I saw the umbilical cord wrapped twice around Caleb's neck and then in amazement at the rapidity with which Dr. Mariana whipped the scissors from the table at her side and cut the cord. With Caleb's first cry he had good color and I drew a sigh of relief.

Shortly after birth, however, his color began to change and he turned blue. Little Caleb was rushed to the nursery, but the nursery equipment was very antiquated. The only medical provisions were a warm up crib and an oxygen tube which lay near to Caleb's little nose. By 6 a.m. it was evident that Caleb was in trouble. We called a friend, Dr. Lourdes, who is a pediatrician, and she came right away. After many phone calls, we finally located a bed in a pediatric clinic, only to learn that the other bed in the room was occupied by an infant with meningitis. The decision was made not to move Caleb.



Ivanildo and Naza Trindade

Ivanildo is a graduate of Grace Seminary and director of the Grace Bible Institute and Seminary in Brazil. They are the parents of two small daughters, Carolina and Carissa.

Ivanildo, who was out of town when Caleb was born, arrived. Little Caleb appeared to be better and he had a fair night.

Caleb's breathing became more and more labored. Hand pumping oxygen with a rubber bulb seemed to ease his labored breathing. It was decided that it would be best to call in another pediatrician who was also experienced in respiratory problems.

Dr. Luis wanted a finer tube so he could put the oxygen directly into Caleb's lungs. It was necessary to drive to a drugstore and buy one.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mariana, who had delivered the baby, was busy calling hospitals and clinics all over town trying to find an incubator or a respirator. She found only one of each and both were in use. We took turns every 20 minutes hand pumping oxygen. Little Caleb was a fighter from the start. Even amid the flurry of activity in the nursery Caleb appeared to know his name. He would show signs of responding to, "Caleb, we love you," or other phrases. He would close his little hand around my finger as I talked to him or open his eyes and look around.

When his mother was brought into the nursery

WMC OFFERING

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National Project (Foreign Missions)**

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National Goal: \$9,000

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his response was even more pronounced. As Naza held Caleb's hand and laid her hand on his head to talk to him, he looked toward her and appeared to be listening.

At times we felt hope as Caleb showed signs of improvement and then his labored breathing would increase. As I would take my turn pumping oxygen, and see the IV hookups and the nasal oxygen tubes, each pump of the bulb was a prayer asking God to do what was best for Caleb -- not what I wanted.

As Naza and Ivanildo's families supported them, others began to get word of the problems. Many of our church family gave them support. This made an impression not only on the hospital staff but on the other patients.

I remember when I left the nursery the first time to talk to Naza and tell her Caleb might not live. We clung to each other and cried. When I could finally talk again, we prayed together and Naza said, "Go back upstairs with Caleb, he needs you more than I do."

Doctors and nurses are accustomed to death and do not shed tears easily. Not so this time. Each pump of that rubber bulb brought fresh tears to not only my eyes, but to the eyes of the nursery nurses and Drs. Lourdes and Mariana. I remember when I saw tears forming and beginning to fall from Dr. Luis' eyes that I knew we were losing the battle.

He asked that Naza be called to talk to Caleb. I held his hand and talked to him. "Caleb, wait, wait, mommy's coming." Naza arrived and talked to him. He fought harder for his breath. Naza left the room and shortly after that, Caleb made his goal and was resting in the Lord Jesus' arms.

The story doesn't end here. Caleb touched lives

in that nursery.

The day of the funeral, Dr. Lourdes called me and asked, "Where is Caleb?" I spent a half hour on the phone with her. She called every second or third day to talk about our first discussion about life after death. She asked how I could be so sure of what I believed. A few days before the Day of the Dead, when candles are burned at gravesites throughout Brazil and prayers said to help loved ones "out of purgatory," Dr. Lourdes called to see if we would be burning candles on Caleb's grave. "After all, he was born in sin," she said.

"No," I replied.

Since then, Dr. Mariana, who was deeply touched by Caleb's death has been more open to discussing the Lord. Dr. Mariana's mother is a believer and a member of our church. As I was visiting her mother on her 82nd birthday in November, Dr. Mariana came in as we were discussing the second coming and heaven. Dr. Mariana knows the plan of salvation, but accepting the truth does not come easy to someone who has moved up in society.

Dr. Lourdes? The calls continue. Her heart has been softened and she is searching and seeking for the truth. My friend Dr. Lourdes is now ready to hear the gospel. I have had a study in the Word with her and another one with her children which she listened to. Her children told their 82-year-old, wheelchair bound grandfather the Bible story I told them. Grandpa grabbed my arm and asked me to please come back and tell him more about God.

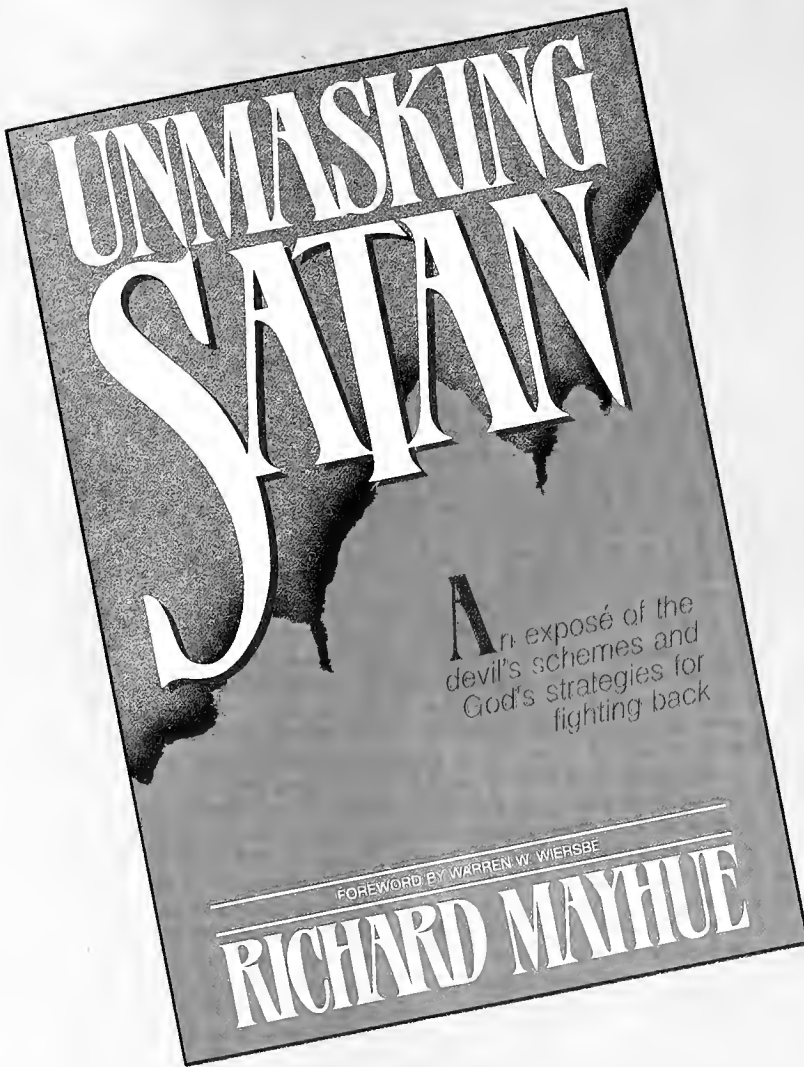
Caleb's life on this earth lasted only 36 hours, but his goals will be eternal. I am convinced others will come to know Christ because of the opening Caleb's death made in their hearts.

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It's Birthday Time Again!

A Rich Uncle May Have Lost His Fortune.

by Charles W. Turner

Here we are at one of my favorite times of the year. It will soon be the fourth of July and this is the best of holidays. Seldom does it snow in Indiana on this holiday, so the weather is right and there always seems to be a good spirit about it all.

We have a tradition in our family for celebrating this weekend. It means a couple of days in Indianapolis and all of our family shows up for trips to the zoo, rediscovering Union Station and listening to bands playing marching music. Then we enjoy the sights and sounds as the fireworks boom off of the high buildings. We share a suite of rooms with our grandchildren jumping on the beds, riding the elevators and doing all the fun things they can't do at home. Everyone enjoys the days together and good ol' grandpa picks up the tab. June gets in some "heavy shopping" and we all come home to the excitement of the routines of life.

Birthday time for America is always a time of celebration and a bit of soul-searching. The big celebration of the 200th birthday has passed quietly into history and now this year is just one of those birthdays. We all can remember our big birthdays. It always seemed to be a major event when we turned 18. Then our 21st marked the full rites to adulthood. Turning thirty and forty can be remembered as important events and I am told that 65 is really a biggie.

For America this birthday celebrates 213 years, and that is not too notable. Being 213 is not something we talk a lot about. But on this birthday, the signs of aging are very much in evidence. The youthful glow has somewhat disappeared and middle age is showing up a lot of problems. There are three "D's" that place the problems in some degree of focus.

The first "D" is **Debt**. We as a nation and people are living far beyond our means. Each year we go deeper into debt and the compounding interest is taking its toll. Other nations now hold the credit and we hold the bills. We will be faced during the next years with the bill collector asking his fair share and there is nothing in the bank with which to pay. Our plastic money will rise up to

haunt us. Uncle Sam will stand with pockets empty and then . . .

Another "D" is **Domestic** and the breakdown of the family unit in this country. A Rand report projects that two out of three white children and 19 out of 20 black children will spend part of their first 18 years in a single parent home. Ninety percent of these families will be headed by women. It's really tough to be a kid and have several sets of parents to which you are loyal and whom you love. It is very confusing. No country has long survived as a country without a strong domestic life.

The third "D" that is literally destroying us is **Drugs**. We have become a society of drugs. Just last night I read the accounts of the devastation drugs have caused in Washington D.C., Detroit and a little town in the Midwest. Over 150 people have been killed in Washington this year in drug related slayings. Towns literally are overrun with Crack and other drugs. The money is so great and greed is so strong.

There are other problems we have to face with education, AIDS and abortion. Life has become cheap and violence is on the increase. This fourth of July as the multi-colored fireworks burst in the darkness and our hearts and emotions are touched by the bands with those beautifully patriotic melodies, there seems to be something that is missing in it all. Uncle Sam, you are growing weary under the burden of the years. The vision of our forefathers is not so sharp and the step towards freedom and justice is turning into a stagger. It is all rather sad to see. A rich uncle has seemingly lost his fortune and his direction at the same time. Both age and a lack of vision will do negative things to you.

Oh, for a rebirth of freedom and the things that made America great. But the church struggles under much the same burdens and hope comes only from God.

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July Special Edition!

The July issue of *The Brethren Missionary Herald* will be a special edition. The FGBC Strategy Committee has been working diligently on plans for the future. Because of the importance of this matter, the entire July issue will be devoted to the subject. The regular features: News, Editorial, Devotional, National Board Information and Advertisements for the Herald Bookstore will not be appearing in the July issue. Please take time to thoroughly read this special edition and think about how the Lord will use you in the future of the Grace Brethren Church.



When the fireworks explode showering
brilliant colors throughout the evening sky.
I'm reminded of God's power and majesty
and that He's always close by.

If mere man can take parts of God's creation
and put them together to cause
such a spectacular display of color and light
It gives me time to pause.

As I watch the imposing display
at our fourth of July celebration,
I cannot help but wonder and ponder
with considerable emotion

How much more spectacular and awesome
heaven will be in comparison.

As it has been lovingly fashioned for us
by the God of all creation.

Udell Grace Brethren Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary!

by Lawrence W. Powell

The Grace Brethren Church of Udell, Iowa is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The church was first temporarily organized in 1889. In 1890, a meeting was conducted by Rev. S. H. Bashar and Rev. S. J. Harrison at the Christian Church in Udell. Quite a number of people were converted and baptized at this meeting. There were forty-four charter members of the permanently organized Progressive Brethren Church on February 21, 1891.

There were two special songs which were sung in all the meetings when the church was being organized. These were "Rescue the Perishing" and "Almost Persuaded".

In the fall of 1891 a church building was built one mile east of Udell on donated land. Much of the construction was completed by members of the church. Sunday School and preaching services were held on Sunday afternoons for some time.

Revival meetings were held from time to time always bringing several additions to the church. In 1902 a revival meeting was held at the Christian Church in Udell with Rev. Bashar serving as the evangelist with Rev. Corbit of the Christian Church. Forty-four people made confessions of faith at this revival with half of these new Christians going to the Brethren Church and half to the Christian Church.

In the fall of 1903, the church building was moved to Udell. After the move, they also remodeled the church by adding a belfry, two Sunday School rooms and a baptistry. The church was rededicated on June

5, 1904 and was named The First Brethren Church.

Rev. W. R. Deeter came to the church in the spring of 1914. In the fall of 1915 he held a revival meeting with evangelist N. W. Jennings. During this revival 32 new members were added to the church. Two of the new members were Austin Staley and Ralph Atkinson who went on to serve the Lord as ministers of the Gospel for many years before passing on.

Rescue the Perishing by Fanny J. Crosby

*Rescue the perishing
Care for the dying
Snatch them in pity
from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one,
Lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus
the mighty to save.
Rescue the perishing,
Care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful,
Jesus will save.*

After Rev. Deeter left in 1916, the following pastors served at Udell: Rev. George Cone, Rev. Austin Staley, Rev. W. E. Kemp, Rev. Coleman, Rev. Thomas Howell, Sam Barber, Rev. Alvin Moyer, and Rev. Cecil Johnson. In 1942 Rev. W. R. Deeter returned to Udell.

During the 1940's a parsonage was purchased. This home was torn down in 1965 and a new home was built on the lot. An

annex was built on the church building in 1952.

In the early 1960's the Christian Church building in Udell, which was a newer and better building, became available. The congregation moved from the old Brethren Church building which was later torn down. The annex was moved from the old building to the newer one and it presently serves as a fellowship meeting room and Sunday School classroom.

The church became affiliated with Grace Brethren in 1978.

Although the membership of our church is not very large, an active Sunday School and church program is being maintained. Present emphasis is being made to reach children in the area through youth activities including Vacation Bible School, scheduled Round-Up Club meetings, etc. Several youth have received Christ as Savior during the past few years.

Rev. Marvin Meeker came to the church as the first Grace Brethren pastor. He was followed by Rev. Milt Ryerson. Dan Travis served as part-time pastor and was followed by Rev. Robert Williams. Our present pastor is Marvin Martin, a Baptist lay minister from Centerville, Iowa.

We had the privilege of having missionaries Ruth Ann Cone, Patty Morris, and Alice Peacock visit in our area in 1988. A special all-day homecoming service was held on June 11. We are planning a series of evangelistic meetings in December of this year to celebrate our anniversary. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to visit our church any time throughout our centennial year. ■

Operation Rescue: A Personal Perspective

by Gary R. Gross

Wednesday, April 12, 1989. Mecklenburg County Courthouse, Room 305. Judge Robert Kirby, presiding. "Pushpa Lall Gross, you have been found guilty of second degree trespass by a jury of your peers. It is the sentence of this court that you be confined for thirty days by the department of corrections. The sentence is suspended, however, pending a fine of \$200, court costs, and three years unsupervised probation."

What would lead Pushpa, a Christian, a practicing family physician, a mother, and my wife, to "trespass" on the grounds of a ten-story office building? The answer: the building contained an abortion clinic. On December 3, 1988 she and twenty-four others quietly and peacefully sat in front of the doors of the building. They sang hymns and prayed until they were carried away by the police. Their goal was to save the lives of children scheduled to die at the clinic that Saturday morning, and to protect their mothers from exploitation at the hands of the abortionist. Were they successful? By all means. At least four women turned away from the clinic that day as a result of their presence.

The intent of rescues is simply to save lives.

What is Operation Rescue? Despite media reports to the contrary, it is not a small group of desperate, right-wing fanatics, bent on violent defiance of civil authority. Instead, Operation Rescue is a grass roots movement of ordinary citizens who believe that abortion is the taking of innocent human life. They are men, women, students, businessmen, homemakers, clergy, retirees, black, white, Asian, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish. In 1988 alone, over twenty thousand Americans were arrested or risked arrest for blocking doors of abortion clinics across the nation.

Why have they done this? To protest an unjust law that allows a child to be killed at any time during the nine months of pregnancy? To hassle the police and clog up the courts? To obtain media attention? To have the law changed? No. The intent of rescues is simply to save lives.

Before participating, rescuers must sign a pledge to be "peaceful, prayerful, and non-violent in both word and deed." While at the clinic, they sing and

pray in an attitude of humility and repentance. Humility because *"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble"* (James 4:16). Repentance because we as a people have sat by for sixteen years in apathy and allowed nearly twenty-five million unborn children to be slaughtered. Our crime is much worse than that of Nazi Germany.

Usually some or all are arrested by police. Rescuers are not to struggle in any way. The same pledge requires that they "remain polite and passively limp, remembering that mercy triumphs over judgment." This is done to buy as much time as possible for the children. To just get up and walk away would hasten their death.

Some courts have dismissed charges, while others have convicted rescuers of trespassing and resisting arrest. Fines have been paid, and many weeks and months have been spent in jail -- voluntarily and involuntarily. In some cases, rescuers have been acquitted due to the "defense of necessity". This is a common statute in many states that allows one law to be broken in order to prevent greater harm. The classic example is trespassing to save the life of a child who has just fallen into a swimming pool.

Our first contact with Operation Rescue came through Dr. Dobson's Focus on the Family radio program. His committed support of the movement led us to visit Atlanta in October, where we experienced rescue first hand as prayer supporters and sidewalk counselors. Soon after we learned of the support of D. James Kennedy, Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Franky Schaeffer, and many others.

Is Operation Rescue scripturally justified? Christians disagree. The movement draws its inspiration from Proverbs 24:11 *"Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; don't stand back and let them die"*, and from Psalm 82:3-4 *"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless, maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy."* The issue is not civil disobedience. If man's law states that we can't protect the weak and helpless, God's law still overrules.

Historically, Operation Rescue is part of the heritage of Christian social activism. In Roman times, Christians were prosecuted for adopting abandoned infants because it was illegal to do so. Many abolitionists in the U.S. during the mid-1800's were Biblically motivated. Amy Carmichael rescued young Indian children from

exploitation as temple prostitutes. Corrie Ten Boom and her family protected Jews in violation of Nazi authority. All these chose to obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29).

"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless . . .

Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Psalm 82:3-4 NIV

What is the future of the rescue movement? It is rapidly spreading across the nation, gaining local support. Hundreds of lives have been saved -- both physically and spiritually. We are beseeching the Lord to move in the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn abortion on demand. A pro-life Missouri law is before the court right now, and a

decision is expected by this summer. Christians must remember that this is a spiritual battle, and God will be victorious only as we submit to Him on our knees. Many other avenues are available to those who wish to help, as God leads:

- foster parenting
- adoption of unwanted or handicapped children
- volunteering at a local crisis pregnancy center
- opening one's home to women in crisis pregnancies
- picketing abortion clinics
- letter writing
- regular, intercessory prayer

I challenge all believers to consider how they can help to stop the abortion holocaust in America.

Gary R. Gross is an Advisory Programmer with IBM Corporation. He, his wife Pushpa, and daughter Alethea attend Charlotte Grace Brethren Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

What Makes Us Grace Brethren?

by Pastor Scott L. Weaver

As a boy I grew up in a Church. In fact, at the age of 5 my mother took me to the church and the preacher sprinkled water on my head three times, received me into the church and that made me a Methodist.

In 1947 I was born again in an independent Baptist Church. After a few weeks I was baptized by single immersion and received into the church. That made me a Baptist.

In 1948 I attended Grace College and went on to Grace Seminary. All through these years of learning I discussed doctrinal issues and came to the conclusion that the only difference between the Baptists and the Grace Brethren was the way in which they practiced the ordinances. The Baptists had great preachers and were very knowledgeable in every phase of church ministry. The only difference between me and the Grace Brethren was that I had not been baptized by triune immersion and had not taken the three-fold communion. If the Grace Brethren had practiced the ordinances like the Baptists, I would never have made a change!

After searching the Scriptures, I could see that the Bible taught triune immersion and three-fold communion. As a result I submitted to being re-baptized in 1953 and then I was Grace Brethren.

What is a Grace Brethren?

As a Baptist, I was committed to the Word of God, I was committed to the family of God, and I was committed to missions.

However, it was not until I submitted to the ordinances as the Scriptures taught, that I became Grace Brethren.

I well remember the day, after being baptized by triune immersion that the preacher said, "You are now a Grace Brethren".

It was the Motto, **"THE BIBLE, THE WHOLE BIBLE, AND NOTHING BUT THE BIBLE"**, that made me see the difference between being a Baptist and being a Grace Brethren.

It was submitting to the ordinances, like the Bible taught, that made me a Grace Brethren and not a Baptist. ■



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The Thompsons understand the pastoral ministry, having served for 17 years at Patterson

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Prayer -- WMC's Life Line

Prayer is the vital element, the lifeline of WMC. Following are personal glimpses into two precious ladies' prayer lives: one from a WMC member on the East Coast and one from Vicki DeArmey, who has been a missionary in France for the past 18 years.

My letter to God --

Lord, I really want to be led by you, but in my heart of hearts, I sense such a battle. One part of me wants to be close to you, to sense your presence in a greater way than I have ever known -- indeed there is a great battle internally -- perhaps even a bondage of sorts. I can so easily substitute service for surrender or submission. I confess I have often used prayer for "getting my will done in heaven" rather than for "getting your will done on earth."

I know the scriptures on prayer and I believe them. Oh, how I desire the fruits of a committed prayer life! (Matt. 7:7-8): Every need supplied. Abounding joy (John 16:24). Nehemiah 8:10: "The joy of the Lord is your strength." No prayer -- no joy; no joy -- no strength. All sufficient Grace (II Cor. 12:7-9): "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Divine wisdom (James 1:5): Wisdom is the practical use of knowledge. An increased sense of the presence of God (James 4:8): "Be still and know that I am God." How I need to put away pride and self-sufficiency so that I can have that increased sense of God's presence. "Come near" is not only an invitation, it is a command that calls for action. I want to know first hand the reality of your presence, God. I am so tired of hearing about and reading about it from others. I want to experience it as a power in my life. I read somewhere if we practice your presence, "success cannot spoil us, and trials will not get us down."

Perhaps this a beginning, God. Perhaps this is the way I need to talk to you. Writing has helped me concentrate and has kept my mind from flying to other things. I feel this past hour has flown but I'm also experiencing an open door. "You've been there all the time, waiting patiently in line." I've known this -- I probably have more knowledge now than I need; for knowledge can be perilous -- it can puff up -- learning without love is dangerous. As I re-read the passage, I see "puffs up" -- "builds up" does not have a direct object. Love builds up whom? Knowledge puffs up whom? I Cor. 8:1 says, "Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies."

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But He is God

In my closet of prayer I often hear my words - "Oh, Lord, please comfort, be near, give direction, help, draw near, give special grace, patience, give wisdom, speak to . . . Prayer words for my children, for my husband, my daughter far away, my fellow teammates, a young girl so close to receiving you, a neighbor terminally ill, a friend whose marriage is a mess, my children's teachers, needy people in our church, our pastor, the poor who beg at our feet everyday, leaders of the mission, our loved ones . . . myself. The list goes on, my tears flow, my heart aches, sometimes the words don't come. I wait and listen. The silence is there. The Holy Spirit is there. He utters the unspoken words, the longing of my heart, the groanings of a human prayer. I put my Bible down and look into the mirror to see a face red, swollen, weary. Thoughts come that say, "You are only one." The Holy Spirit reminds me, "Yes, you are only one." But God is great, God is good. We can thank Him because He is God. In His eyes I am His instrument. Tired and weak as I am. Just one. But He is God. My day goes on. My life goes on. Their lives go on. Intercession, knowing if we ask, we receive. Intercession, knowing His thoughts are not my thoughts. Intercession, knowing His ways are not my ways. He is God. Almighty. Loving. Compassionate. A friend. Never changing. Omnipotent. All present. All knowing. Faithful. Then I see the faces of those for whom I uttered those prayer words. My words. His words. He is God. They are His creation. He is perfect. Oh, how I praise You Lord that You are the One who works, because You are God.

Amen

Vicki DeArmey
Missionary to France

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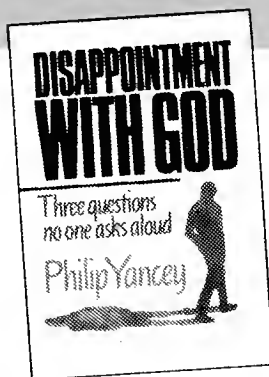
I am reminded of an illustration of knowledge puffing up. A frog can keep swelling and puffing itself up until finally its eyes are closed. When does knowledge puff up? When does love build up others? Knowledge puffs up because it's self-centered -- always measured in terms of self. Love builds up because it is others-centered, always measured in terms of others. I must always ask, "How can I help or serve others?"

Oh God, there is so much sin and so much hurting in this world of yours. Everywhere I turn I face someone who is deeply hurting or in some intense personal trial.

I think of little Sheree (4½ years old) and her daddy whom I interviewed yesterday. Five months ago they lost their 31-year-old mother and wife to cancer. Comfort them -- fill the void.

I counseled 14-year-old Nicole last week after discovering she had been raped by a trusted family friend a year ago and is trying to recover from the guilt of an abortion that followed. Help her to understand your grace and forgiveness . . . and Mother whose spirit remains imprisoned in a 95-year-old body and mind that no longer knows anyone. Dear God, release her!

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are not synonymous. In fact, in some cases sanctification demands what we want to improve about ourselves be left the way it is.

Paul's thorn in the flesh. II Cor. 4:7-12 - jars of clay (or cracked pots). Could it be that God actually wants vessels with flaws, to confirm the divine source of the gospel. Is it possible that there is some weakness in my life that God has no intention of correcting -- ever?

This isn't an excuse for sin, but it is a truth of Scripture. I will never be perfect in this life -- not morally, physically or intellectually. And this is a confirmation of the grace and power of God who works with such imperfect tools.

Lord let me focus on a healthy alternative to self-improvement, with all its focus on self, pouring myself out in service to others.

-- A WMC Sister



WMC Offering

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WMC Operating Expenses

National Goal: \$8,000

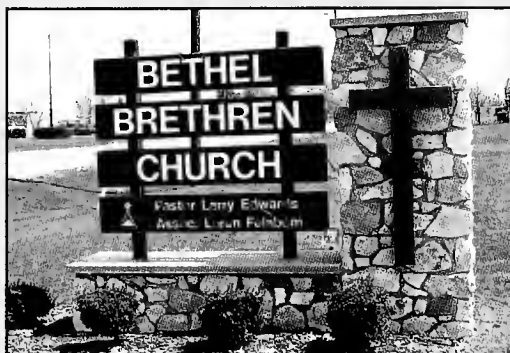
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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, IN Celebrates 100th Year

BERNE, IN -- The Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, IN has begun a year long celebration of their 100th anniversary. Charles W. Turner, publisher of *The Brethren Missionary Herald* was the speaker at the April 16th morning worship service. A good Hoosier carry-in meal followed the service.

On August 6th, a Pastor's Day Homecoming will be held with any and all of the former pastors and church members who have become pastors in the ministry to be in attendance. This list includes: Bill Schaffer, Sr.; Ward Miller; Paul Miller; Carl Miller; Robert Miller; True Hunt; John Burke; Lester Smitley; Arnold Kriegbaum; Bob Ashman; Lee Jenkins; Dr. Bill Male; and Earle Peer. That special evening Bill Schaffer, Jr. will present an organ concert.



The Future at Bethel

The final service of the celebration will be held on October 15th with Nathan Meyer as speaker.

and directed a series of motion pictures.

Dr. Robinson was a professor at Dallas Theological Seminary for 19 years. He has served as Director of the Dallas Youth for Christ, Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Medford, Oregon, and an instructor at the University of Illinois. In 1979, Dr. Robinson became the president of the Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary. He has served as the president for the Evangelical Theological Society and has served on the executive committee for that group of evangelical scholars. He also serves on the boards of Black Evangelistic Enterprise, EvanTell and the American Tract Society.

By all measurements, the crisis in the church today is one of commitment. Believers generally are knowledgeable of biblical truth and the ministries of the church, but loyalty to these values is incredibly thin. Dr. Robinson's topic for Conference will include: ***A Deeper Commitment to Our Lord -- Exultation of God, A Deeper Commitment to Our Church -- Edification of Believers, and A Deeper Commitment to Our World -- Evangelization of the Lost.***

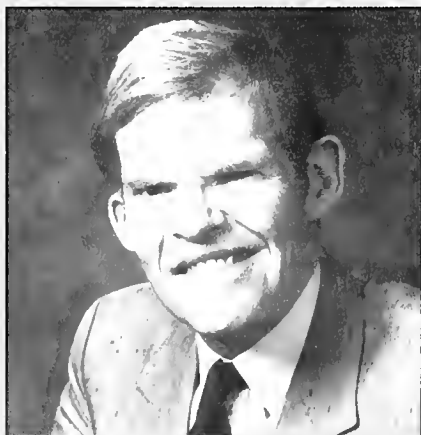
NEWS UPDATE

FRANK COTINGER began his ministry as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Sinking Spring, OH, on April 23, 1989. All correspondence relating to the church should be directed in care of the church at Box 55, Sinking Spring, OH 45172.

DR. and MRS. ROBERT CLOUSE were honored at a special celebration on April 21, 1989, for their faithful service of 25 years to the First Brethren Church of Clay City, IN. The Clouses reside in Terre Haute where they are both professors at Indiana State University.

Dr. Haddon Robinson To Speak at National Conference

Dr. Haddon W. Robinson will be the featured speaker at the National Conference for Grace Brethren Churches on July 29 -- Aug. 3, 1989 in Winona Lake, IN. Dr. Robinson is an internationally-known speaker ministering regularly in pulpits and schools throughout the world. He has written numerous articles, authored six books and produced



Mike Lee, former pastor of Creek Park Community church, La Mirada, CA, resigned after several years of successful ministry there. His future plans are uncertain at this time.

The Grace Brethren Church of Wooster, OH, has secured a large parcel of land and is preparing for a major relocation in all new buildings at a cost of about 3 million. They will retain their present buildings until the new ones are completed. Bob Fetterhoff is the senior pastor.

Virginia Fellowship Ministerium's new officers are: Nathan Leigh, chairman; Steve Shipley, vice chairman; Mike Johnson, secretary; and Danny Wright, treasurer.

Five new churches were accepted into the Southern California-Arizona District at their conference April 30; two Spanish-speaking churches in Paramount and Long Beach, pastored by Phil Guerna and Alfredo Ramirez; one Cambodian church, pastored by Vek Huong Taling; and two English-speaking churches, one in the Belmont Heights section of Long Beach, pastored by Greg Perry (Koinonia Grace Brethren); and one in Moreno Valley, near Riverside, (New Hope Grace Community Church), pastored by Mikal Smith and Chris Suitt.

James B. Marshall has retired from the pastoral ministry after 40 years of service as a missionary in Argentina and through pastorates in Dallas Center, IA; Peru, IN; and Sinking Spring, OH. He continues to reside in New Vienna, OH, where he is active in several public schools as a substitute teacher. He expressed grateful appreciation to the Lord and to the Grace Brethren Fellowship for the love and kindness shown to him across the years.

North Port, FL. The first services of the North Port Grace Brethren Church were held on Sunday, May 7. The new church is meeting in the North Port Mall Community Room, 13000 Tamiami Trail. Dr. Lester Pifer is the pastor, and all mail for the church should be sent to his home: 6602 23rd Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 34209.

DEATHS

BRUBAKER, MARTHA, March 29, 1989. She was a member of the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. H. Don Rough, pastor.

CLINGENPEEL, GEORGE, 78, March 11, 1989. He preached at Red Hill Brethren Church (now Clearbrook Grace Brethren Church), Roanoke, VA, for five years and was a faithful member of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, VA. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

ENGLE, LOUIE, April 23. He was a retired Brethren minister from Leesburg, IN. Ralph Burns, a former pastor of the Leesburg Grace Brethren Church, and Jeffrey Hofard (present pastor) led the memorial service.

GILMER, JAMES, 81, February 11, 1989. He was a member of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, VA. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

LEAH, ROBERT, 71, November 21, 1988. He was a member of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, VA. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

SHOCKEY, MARLING, 82, April 3, 1989. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA. Rev. Shimer Darr led his memorial service.

SMITH, WILLIARD, April 9, 1989. He was a faithful servant of the Lord in his local church and also in district and national organizations. He was a member of the Home Missions Council Board of Directors, and also a regular attendee at national conferences. His wife, Helen, resides at 400 Queen Street, Minerva, OH 44657. Galen Wiley, pastor.

STURZ, HARRY, 72, April 25, 1989. Dr. Sturz went to be with the Lord shortly after teaching a class at Talbot Seminary.

Dr. Sturz had pastored Brethren churches in Harrah, WA; Bellflower, and Los Altos in Long Beach, CA. He was also a professor at Grace Graduate School and Talbot Seminary.

Richard Mayhue, David Marksbury, and Wayne Flory officiated at the memorial service.

TURNER, GEORGE, 64, March 22, 1989. He was a member of the Ellet Grace Brethren Church and a brother of Charles Turner, publisher of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*; and Mrs. Richard Grant. Memorial services were held in Akron, OH, by Pastor Harold Arrington.

MARRIAGES

BYRD, Trish Badger and Howard Byrd were married on March 25, 1989, in the New Albany Grace Brethren Church, New Albany, IN. Davy Troxel, pastor.

CHANGE YOUR ANNUAL

ALLEM, DAVID, 409 E. Broad Street, Souderton, PA 18961.

DIAZ, JOHN, 548 Ozbourn Ave., Mayport, FL 32227.

FEATHER, RAY, c/o Grace Brethren Church, P.O. Box 87, Sunnyside, WA 98944.

GASTON, DAVE, 3236 Easton Rd., Norton, OH 44203.

HABLE, GARY, 4391 K. Road, Bark River, MI 49807.

KOWALKE, DAVID, 1133 SE Mendoza Ave., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

MALAIMARE, TED, 1550 Rory Lane, Apt. 125, Simi Valley, CA 93063.

McCARTHY, RICHARD, 4959 Kingshill Dr., No. 204, Columbus, OH 43229.

PEUGH, ROGER, c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

SMITH, MIKAL, 13724 Schayleen Ct., Moreno Valley, CA 92388.

OREGON, OH GBC has been changed to: Trinity Grace Brethren Church, 4035 Williston Rd., Northwood, OH 43619. Telephone number remains the same.

SOUTHWEST GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH, Columbus, OH, should be 3150 Demorest Rd. The new secretary is: Mrs. Pat Walker, 6661 Hall Rd., Galloway, OH 43119. (Tel. 614/870-6637).

Getting in STEP with the Great Commission

by Tom Julien

The Grace Brethren Church of Don Bosco is located in the southern suburbs of Buenos Aires. It is a pleasant community of believers, with a capable and energetic pastor whose name is Eduardo Coria. It is typical of many Grace Brethren churches throughout the world, with strong emphasis on the preaching of the Word, but less in their zeal to get the Gospel to others. It is a place where the believers would come faithfully week after week, ready to receive a blessing but never really expecting anything extraordinary to happen.

But about three years ago something **did** happen. The pastor's right-hand man, Jose Palacio, decided with his wife to cross the bay into Uruguay. They moved to the city of Montevideo and began sharing Christ with others. Jose and his wife were retired, having reached the period of life where most people think of relaxing in an easy chair and enjoying their grandchildren. But their age was no damper to their enthusiasm, and soon people began to find Christ. In fact, within the first six months, more people found Christ in Uruguay than had been saved in the home church during the previous five years.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the story is not what happened in Uruguay, but the effect that it had on the home church in Don Bosco. The church woke up. They began to manifest new vision and vitality. Their capacity to give increased radically, and they began to support their pastor full-time. Their concern for the lost in Uruguay sparked an interest in the lost of the neighboring community.

The difference was not new programs, new people, or a new pastor. It was that the church at Don Bosco had gone from the maintenance mode to the mission mode.

What happened in that small church in South America could happen in any Grace Brethren church of any size anywhere in the world. The Great Commission is the divinely-inspired purpose statement of the church, and an expression of her life principle. It is her fundamental law of existence, and yet the focus of many churches has shifted from the world to themselves. Their main concern has become to "strengthen that which remains."

But there is hope. Like the church at Don Bosco, our churches can get out of the maintenance mode and focus on their mission in this world which has never been more challenging or exciting.

Throughout history, we have allowed a divorce to occur between the church and her mission in the world. Ours is a time to bring back together what God never intended to be separated. The following words will help your church to get back into STEP with the Great Commission.

S = Strategy

Can your church identify her church-planting goals around the world?

Do your people know the names of the places where you are currently committed to church-planting ministries?

Do you have a strategy that has identified new church-planting goals for the next ten years?

Jesus told us that we were to be witnesses simultaneously in Jerusalem, the area within the immediate scope of our church; Judea, the people of our own country and cultures; Samaria, the ethnic groups in our midst; and the uttermost parts, people of other countries and cultures. A well-rounded strategy is one that will define goals in each of these four divinely-inspired geographic areas of the world.

A strategy is merely a plan defining goals and how to reach them. Defining church-planting goals will begin to get your church out of the maintenance mode. It will give you a context for decision-making. It will give focus to your resources -- both prayer, financial, and personal. It will bring a new sense of teamwork and motivation, as people begin to expend their energy on outreach rather than on conflict within the ranks. It will give you a way of measuring your effectiveness.

The GBFM luncheon at National Conference will be held Monday, July 31 at the Grace College Dining Commons. Advance reservations may be made by sending \$5.50 per ticket to GBFM, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Many churches think of their outreach program simply in terms of supporting missionaries. However, missions is not what we do *for* the missionary, but *through* the missionary. How about publicizing your branch churches around the world. How about strengthening the lines of communication between your church and its daughter congregations? Can your people recite the names of the cities where you are committed to a church-planting venture?

T = Teamwork

Do you have a Great Commission coordinator in your church?

By this time some of you are saying, "We are much too small to talk about planting churches around the world. We can barely keep up with our commitments here at home." If this is what you are thinking, then you are probably not thinking in terms of teamwork. Few churches are beginning branch works alone. They are doing it in teamwork with many other churches, teamwork that is usually coordinated by a mission agency or organization.

In team sports, it is the team that wins the games when the points are made, and not the individuals that are kicking the ball. The same is true of churches. If your church has a defined and continuing commitment to a church-planting goal some place in the world, you are a part of the team no matter how large or small you might be. And you can know the sweet taste of victory.

Teamwork implies several things. It implies focusing on common goals. It implies good communication. But these are dependent upon an indispensable factor - coordination. Unless there is a coordinator, teamwork will not be sustained.

Does your church have a Great Commission coordinator? Many churches have committees and commissions, but unless there is someone accepting ultimate responsibility, things will eventually break down. If the Great Commission is the life principle of the church, then the Great Commission coordinator ought to be the pastor's right-hand man, the man in whom he is pouring his life and ministry, the man with whom he is willing to spend time.

This should be a man of vision, with strong organizational and people skills. It should be someone who is willing to give time to the most important aspect of the church's ministry - reaching out to others.

E = Enlistment

Has your church commissioned a partner for each one of your missionaries or church-planting goals?

Sometimes churches - and missionaries - wonder why communication between the home church and her ambassadors is so incredibly poor. The most common answer to this is that usually no one is ultimately responsible to keep it maintained. Many churches are like power plants, capable of producing a lot of energy, but with no lines going to the places of need. The partner in the Great Commission is the vital link between the church and her ambassadors around the world.

A partner is not simply someone who volunteers to write letters to the missionary. It is someone who is chosen and commissioned to assume full responsibility for the flow of information between the church and the missionary. The partners should get together at least once a month to share experiences and to report on their ministry. Each partner should be in communication with his missionary at least once a month, preferably by telephone. The partner must know well the personal ministry goals of each missionary. Finally, the partner is responsible to report to the leaders of the various ministries of the church, so that the church can come alive with a sense of participation in her outreach ministries.

P = Prayer

Does your church have a defined prayer group or chain for each missionary it supports or for each church-planting ministry with which it is involved?

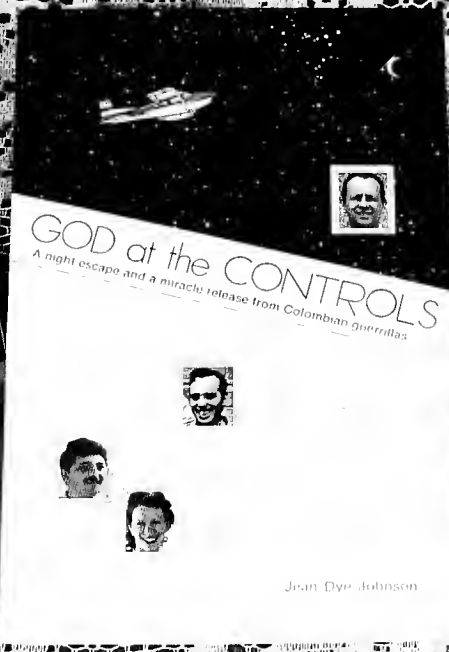
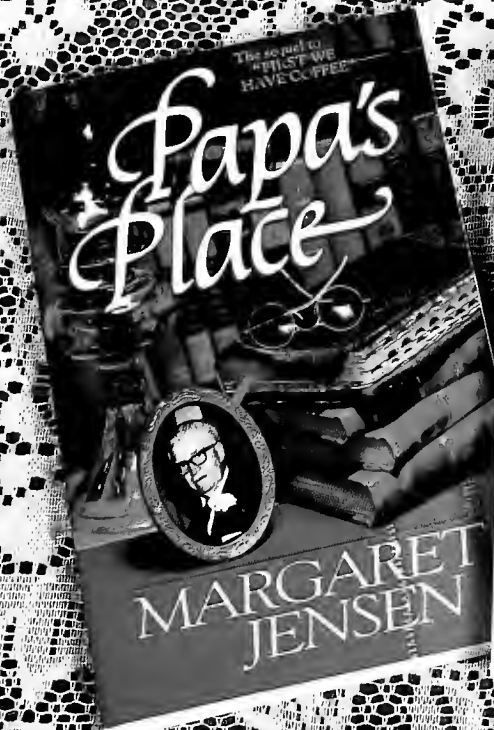
Some of you might reply by saying that all of the people in your church are interested in everything that is going on. However, if you could take a thermometer and measure their level of interest, you might be somewhat disappointed. Concern and interest heightens to the extent that we know how to focus. Which would you rather be a part of: a church where everyone is trying to be interested in everything, or a church where each person has focused on a particular aspect of the outreach ministries?

The warm rays of the sun bring pleasure to all, but when those rays are focused by a magnifying glass, fire falls from heaven. Many are the missionaries who are desperately awaiting that fire from heaven, as their co-laborers and their sending churches allow their lives to become magnifying glasses in prayer, focusing spiritual energy on certain parts of the world until the fire falls from heaven.

Is your church in the maintenance mode? Would you like to bring back together what God never meant to be separated - the church and her mission in the world? ***How about taking the STEP: Strategy, Teamwork, Enlistment, and Prayer.***

WMC Reading Circle

1989-1990



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A Tribute

Williard Smith, member of the Home Missions Board of Directors, went to be with the Lord on April 8. Memorial services were held at the Minerva, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church where he and his wife, Helen, were founding members.

Mr. Smith had suffered a long bout with cancer, but in the July 1988 board meetings he testified to the Lord's faithfulness in allowing him to become stronger in Christ as he went through difficult circumstances.

Williard retired from General Color and Chemical Company in 1978 after 18 years as vice president of the Plastic Color Division. He served in the U.S. Air Force on Okinawa as a member of the 10th Photo Unit.

In addition to their activity in the Minerva church, the Smiths were instrumental in establishing the Grace Brethren Church in Sebring, Florida. His other activities included serving on local and state boards of Child Evangelism Fellowship, all facets of work in the local Gideons

International, and involvement in various Grace Brethren organizations on all levels.

Williard Smith served on the Home Missions Board of Directors from 1975 until his death. In spite of failing health, he was in attendance at the mid-year meeting in March only weeks before his Homegoing.

At the memorial service, Dr. Robert Thompson, executive director of the Home Missions Council, in paying tribute to Mr. Smith, noted the obvious Christian virtues of his life: faithfulness, loyalty, tenacity, humility, sympathy, and godliness.

The Council wishes to express its thankfulness to God for Williard's faithfulness and service and to offer its gratitude to his wife, Helen, his three children, and six grandchildren for sharing him with us.



Finding A Church

The Nolan Graham family moved to Charleston, West Virginia, one year before the start of the Cross Lanes Grace Brethren Church there. They visited many churches without finding one that could meaningfully minister to their family. Through talking with Pastor Emory Young's sister, they became aware of the infant church. The whole family was excited about getting involved.

Nolan was searching for someone, or a group of folks, who would encourage him personally in his walk with Christ. His relationship with the Lord was drifting, and discouragement was setting in because of numerous spiritual defeats. He was searching for a real change in direction.

After a couple of months in the church and some one-on-one fellowship times with the pastor, Nolan shared a testimony. "I don't know if you realize it or not," he said, "but I **know** why God sent you folks here to plant this church. It is changing the direction of my life and encouraging me to walk with my Lord."

Nolan is now teaching junior church, helping with the set up of the facility for weekly services, and occasionally ushering. His wife, Nancy, works with the nursery and has provided special music for morning worship. The children help with the facility set up and tear down on Sundays.



Pastor Young says, "The Grahams are a great encouragement to our small, growing church. We already feel like they are part of our family and they **all** actively participate in our ministry."

The Cross Lanes Grace Brethren Church is celebrating its first anniversary on June 11. Readers may want to write notes of encouragement to Pastor Emory "Zeke" Young and the congregation at 5322 Melwood Drive, Cross Lanes, WV 25313.

Today Vs. Yesterday

by Robert W. Thompson

All of us would agree that youth is the time to work and accomplish things while strength and vitality are boundless. God in His marvelous providence makes provision for these achievements to be recorded on the receptive surface of our memories.

Senior years, on the other hand, are especially designed for recalling those earlier experiences and sharing them with others. Although I have known such status only for a few weeks, I am already presuming on the privilege.

My first service as a Home Missions pastor in Westminster, California, is as vivid now as it was 30 years ago. It was not an impressive service by the standards of some, just a few friends having church together in a most inadequate, rented facility. But for me it was the launching pad for a rich and rewarding career in Home Missions.

Rewarding events are etched indelibly on my memory like photographs

With retirement now just around the corner (June 30), memories are going to become more and more important. They will be the basis for many of life's joys. I find it easy to dawdle before the monitor of my memory.

Oddly enough, the images of disappointment do not appear too brightly on the screen. In contrast, other, more rewarding events are etched indelibly on my memory like photographs on Ektachrome 100. Each flashing exposure brings, not only great joy, but also a deep sense of gratitude for the privilege that has been mine through the years.

Like pictures in the family album, the evidence of change is everywhere. It's a little startling at first to realize that things are not the same as they used to be. This does not necessarily mean that things today are wrong when compared to those of yesterday, but it does mean that they are different.

- In making the comparison between now and then the great change in nomenclature is immediately apparent. Demographics, decadal growth analysis, homogeneity, target areas, marketing the church, felt needs, celebration, congregation, cells, sharing Christ -- these are all contemporary idioms for distinctive activities within the Christian community. One needs a glossary just to understand the language.

- The change in life styles stands in stark contrast to the "good ol' days." Who, in my day, would have thought you could be well dressed in jeans?

- The modern bedroom communities of our great metropolitan centers have produced a new generation with little comprehension of "community."



Dr. Thompson

- The fallout from the jargon of contemporary music, as well as the drug culture, has contributed greatly to a form of communication which is foreign to the auditory receptors of anyone over fifty.

- Who eats at home anymore? Having the preacher over for dinner used to mean a delightful home-cooked meal in a relaxed atmosphere, but not today. It more likely suggests a Big Mac, Kentucky Fried Chicken or, perhaps, even a date at the Ponderosa.

- Methods, too, are in a state of flux. One quickly notices the changes since I made my debut in the arena of church planting. It would never have occurred to me, or others of my time, that there could be an advantage in a team ministry, that is, sending out two pastors to start one church. Neither our philosophy nor our bank account could have tolerated such a break with tradition.
- Nor would we have thought it wise to start a church in a new community where there is little hope of owning one's own facility. However, for some of our young pastors today buying property and constructing a church building are not options.

- The use of computers in a Home Missions setting would have boggled the mind of the most entrepreneurial in my day. Even the most precocious would have been intimidated by such a thought. Today this electronic wizardry is well within the reach of nearly every home missionary and already in use by many.

- On a personal note, it would never have occurred to me that I would one day see \$1,000 on my monthly paycheck. I'm embarrassed to say that I

could not live on such a minimal stipend today. How can one of my generation come to grips with this economic insanity?

In the light of just these few dramatic changes, coupled with individual diversity among the Brethren, it is little wonder that our Fellowship finds itself stalled in the quagmire of bewilderment.

I can personally testify that much of the emotional stress now sensed by our denomination has been internalized in my own life. I have felt keenly the tempestuous winds blowing sharply against my own frail craft as I have endeavored to sail between the Charybdis of traditional values on one hand and the Scylla of innovation and change on the other.

This does not necessarily mean that things today are wrong when compared to those of yesterday, but it does mean that they are different.

Add to this tumultuous mix a personal determination to stand for truth, and you have the makings of conflict both internal and external. Some would say, "You are an anachronism," a man living out of his time . . . more suited to the 19th century than the 20th. One doesn't get to choose such dates, however; you simply adjust and minister in the one sovereignly selected by God.

My job over the years has required that I live in a world of opposing opinions. Since I have escaped tar and feathers so far, I conclude, for my own mental health, that I have been moderately successful. I have not enjoyed the freedom to speak out on every issue, but I have tried to be honest. On occasion I have felt it necessary to make known my personal understanding of truth on matters of contrary opinion. I'd like to believe that God superintended and preserved my integrity, even among those who disagreed with my conclusions.

One of my regrets, among many, is the time it took me to recognize fully and accept the reality as well as the validity of diverse ideas, opinions, and methods. Although on occasion tempestuous forces have pushed me outside the limits of my comfort zone, I am now convinced that progress and growth are linked closely to this important truth . . . "not all that is different is wrong!"

Unlike the ability to recall the past, the future is known only to our Lord. We can, however, think upon what we would like it to be.

The FGBC has something to offer that is not found in many other groups today. It is not only because of what we are but also because of what we do. Not very many churches today are wholly

committed to the Scriptures as the very Word of God.

I am proud to be associated with a Fellowship that considers its obligation not only to theological accuracy but also to demonstrable practicality. With all its weaknesses I cast my vote for its continued well being and ministry.

Dr. Robert W. Thompson is retiring June 30 as Executive Director of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, the Brethren Investment Foundation, and Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries. Prior to his appointment to this position in 1985, he served as the Western Director for Home Missions for 19 years. He was the founding pastor of the Westminster, CA, Grace Brethren Church. He is a graduate of Biola University and was presented an honorary doctorate from Grace Graduate School. In 1976 Dr. Thompson was elected moderator of the FGBC. He and his wife Betty will return this summer to their home in Long Beach, California.

Grace Schools News

Stevens Named West Campus Executive Dean

Dr. Daniel C. Stevens has accepted the position of Executive Dean of Grace Theological Seminary - West according to Dr. William Male, Acting Dean of the West Campus.

Stevens has served as a faculty member and department chairman at Western Seminary in San Francisco for the past four years. Prior to that he spent eight years at Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan as an Associate Professor of Bible and one year as Acting Registrar.

Stevens received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Cedarville College; his Th. M. from Dallas Theological Seminary; and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

He will begin his ministry at the Long Beach campus on July 1.

Grace Schools Promotes Five Faculty

The Grace College and Seminary Board of Trustees recently promoted several faculty members at the college and seminary.

In the college, the following were promoted: Allyn Decker, from Instructor to Assistant Professor of Communications; Dr. W. Merwin Forbes, from Associate Professor to Professor of Biblical Studies; Dr. Theodore Hildebrandt, from Associate Professor to Professor of Biblical Studies.

In the seminary, the following were promoted: Dr. Richard Averbek, from Associate Professor to Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew and Prof. David Plaster from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Theology.

Roger Peugh Joins Grace Seminary Faculty

Veteran missionary Roger Peugh has been named chairman of the missions department at Grace Seminary beginning in September 1989.

Prof. Peugh has served as a missionary in Europe for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches since 1968, the year he graduated from Grace Seminary. He was the church's first missionary to Germany and in 1986 was named FGBC's European Regional Director.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Orange, CA - The Grace Church of Orange, CA has called Ed Trenner to be their Senior Pastor. He has been serving as interim pastor since Don Byers left to join the staff of Grace Schools in June of 1988. Ed was also elected Moderator of the Southern California/Arizona District.

Meyersdale, PA - Rev. Larry Gegner has been called to serve as pastor of the Meyersdale, PA Grace Brethren Church. For the past 11 years he has been on the pastoral staff of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, D.C. and recently pastored their branch church at Alexandria, VA. Sunday, June 11 was his last Sunday at Alexandria. Rev. Ward Tressler has been interim pastor at the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church.

Grace College and Seminary Establish Veteran's Fellowship

The Grace Veteran's Fellowship at Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary is now established and is meeting with enthusiastic response. Veterans and friends of veterans both on and off campus have expressed a keen interest in seeing GVF grow and positively affect the lives of veterans at Grace Schools and within the local community.

"It's really great to see this group forming," said Jim Hostetler, Associate Dean of Students at Grace Theological Seminary.

"A fellowship like this at Grace is long overdue," confirmed Lee Jenkins, former Grace Schools Chaplain and a veteran himself.

Membership in GVF is open to Christian Veterans who are students, alumni, employees, or retired employees of Grace Schools. Associate membership is open to other Christians who want to help veterans through GVT. To date

nearly 20 veterans have signed up as charter members.

Malles Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Mark Malles on their fiftieth wedding anniversary!



A reception was held in their honor by the Grace Brethren Church of Phoenix, AZ, and the Malles were presented with a new Bible to mark the special date. They are also grateful for the many cards and letters which they received from members and friends of the nine churches where they have pastored since 1939. These cards and letters will be compiled into a memory album for them to enjoy.

In May of this year, Rev. and Mrs. Mark Malles also commemorated 50 years serving the Lord in the pastoral ministry with all but two of the fifty years spent in Grace Brethren churches.

Bill Smith has accepted the call to be the interim pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church of Melbourne, FL. He began his ministry there on June 1.

On Sunday, April 16, the **Summit Mills Grace Brethren Church** held a dedication service for their newly constructed sanctuary and fellowship hall. The new sanctuary

will seat approximately 250 people. The dedication speaker was Rev. Shimer Darr. Albert Valentine, Pastor.

The Grace Brethren Church of **Covington, VA**, had Evangelist Mike and Terica Williams for their spring services during April. The attendance and spirit was good as a dozen people made public decisions. The people were excited to have them back! Dan Gillette, Pastor.

Two Brethren Churches Close

Two Grace Brethren Churches have closed this month. The Morgantown Grace Brethren Church of Morgantown, West Virginia and the Phoenix (AZ) Northwest Brethren Church have ceased services and no longer are meeting. The Morgantown work is of rather recent origin. The Phoenix work has been in existence for a number of years.

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WOLF: Lori Steelman and Donald Wolf on December 3, 1988, at the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Kettering, OH. Dan Grabill, pastor.

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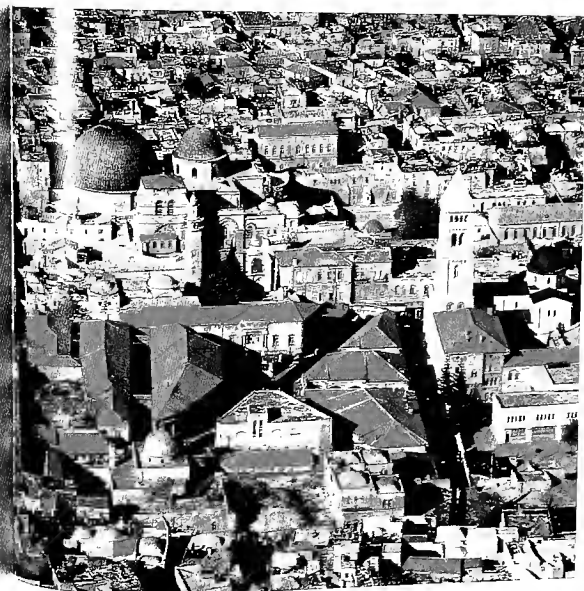
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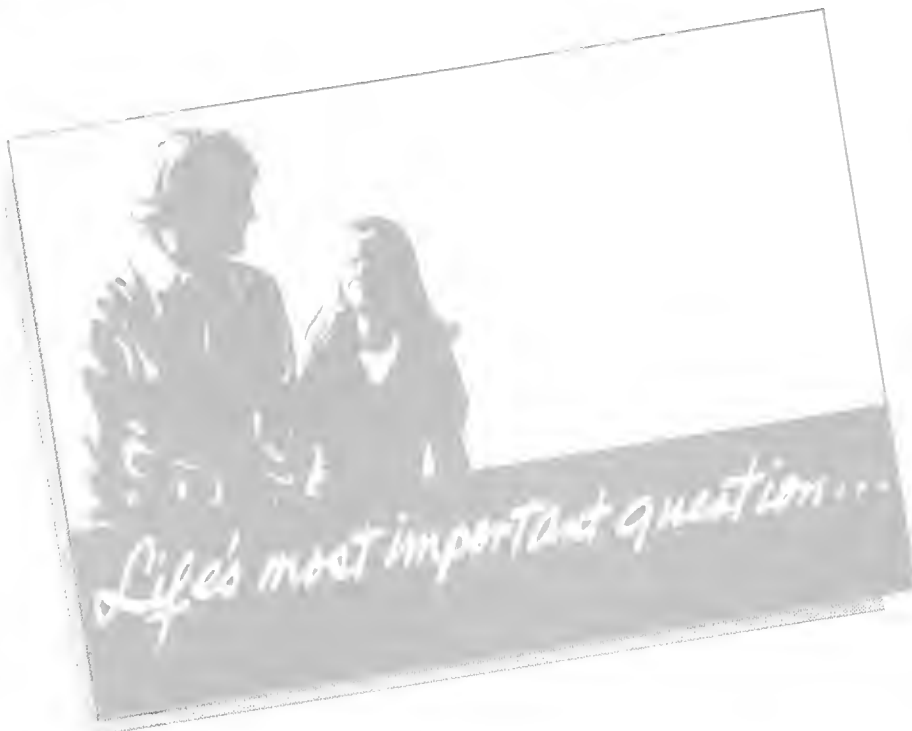
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BMH Tract Continues to Be A Useful Tool in Leading People to Christ!

Editor's Note: The article on this page was written by Dale Brock, an area representative for Overseas Christian Servicemen's Centers in the State of Washington. Dale ministered for a number of years as a Grace Brethren Chaplain in the U.S. Navy.

The tract mentioned by Dale, Life's Most Important Question, was first printed by the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. in 1973 for use in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches GROW 73 Evangelistic Campaign. Since that time, BMH has printed more than 2,600,000 copies in English, Spanish and Portuguese; and the tract has been used not only by our FGBC churches but also a wide range of denominations.

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One night after a Tuesday night Bible study, I was taking some soldiers back to the post. We had a full van, so I was going to make a number of stops. The fellow sitting in front with me had just made Sergeant and was rather elated about that. As we were driving along, he learned over and said, "Dale, do you suppose that after you let the others off at the barracks, we could have prayer?" I said, "Sure."

After I let the others off, we pulled up to his barracks and I turned off the motor and said, "Is there something special you want to pray about?" He said, "Yes. I know there is a God and I know He is out there somewhere, but He's not in my life." He continued to tell me how he was dissatisfied with the way things were going in his life, and that he knew he needed something other than what he had. He related to me that he had come from a family that was involved with a very active cult in the Northwest.

He continued to share with me how the Bible

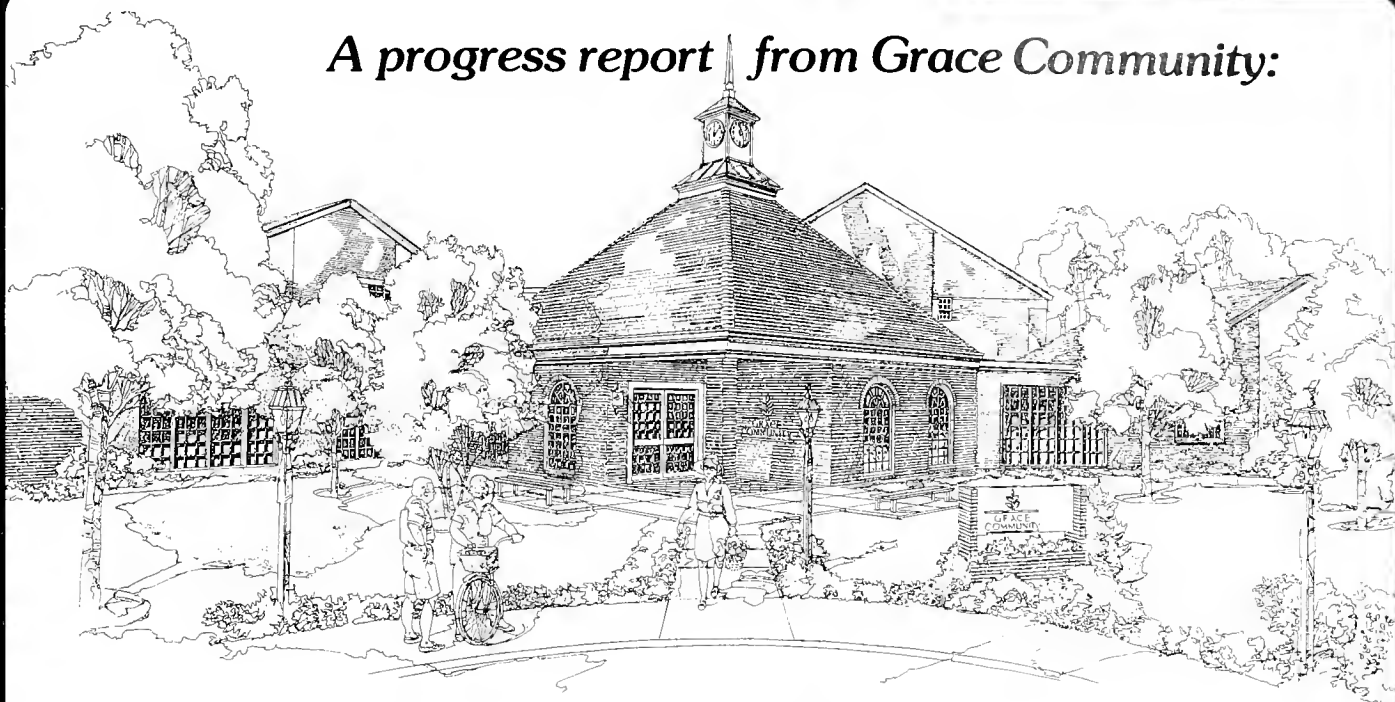
studies he was attending at the hospitality house were causing him to seriously think about eternity, and he was not ready to face it.

Sometime before, I had given him a booklet called, Life's Most Important Question. He said he had read it, but he needed some questions answered. We went through some of the verses in the New Testament pertaining to a person's need of Christ's forgiveness of sin. Almost as if a light were turned on, he said, "That's what I need." So I asked him if he would like to receive Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and he bowed his head right there and prayed to receive Christ into his life.

About an hour before at the hospitality house, we had been sharing our feelings with each other when we introduced someone to Christ. Now, once again, that thrilling experience came back, I was witnessing a person being born into the family of God.

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Church is not a steeple . . .
Church is Jesus Christ incarnate,
living in people.

Deepening Our Commitment

by Dr. John J. Davis

I should have been shocked, but I wasn't. A 26-year-old man sat across the table from me and without the slightest blush said, "Oh no, my girlfriend and I are not married. We're living together unmarried because we don't want any real deep commitments, just a casual relationship."

A casual relationship without deep commitments is what many church members are after, and the only one blushing is our Lord.

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches is not without commitments, but these must be significantly deepened if our spiritual vitality is to be increased and our impact expanded.

The greatest single need of our fellowship is not more information, but a powerful moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

But not for a moment am I convinced that our Fellowship has reached its full spiritual potential or completed the task for which God raised it up. How, then, can we get on with the task the Lord has given us? The answer is by a deeper commitment.

First, there must be a deeper commitment to our Lord. We clearly must re-focus our attention on God and the expectations He has for us rather than on our needs and demands upon Him. This will lead us to a God-centered rather than a man-centered spirituality.

Then the issue of our commitment to the church must be addressed. The lack of theological conviction coupled with a need-based spirituality has created a sizable number of ecclesiastical vagabonds in churches. The future of our Fellowship is suspect if we do not deepen relationships between members through biblical edification, and reestablish the priority of sacrificial ministry in contrast to personal satisfaction.

By the year 2000, the population of this earth will have increased to a staggering seven billion. If we are serious about the biblical assertion that these people are lost without Christ, we must deepen our commitment to our world. This means that evangelism cannot be relegated to a footnote in the life of the local church. There needs to be a genuine sense of urgency in the task of reaching others for our Lord.

God has blessed the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches with a rich theological and spiritual heritage that has impacted the evangelical world in unique and significant ways.

But all this will eventually become so much fossilized religious history if we do not deepen our commitments and renew our spiritual vitality now. The greatest single need of our Fellowship is not more information, but a powerful moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

This can occur only as we honestly acknowledge our sinfulness and humbly seek His impact in our lives and ministries. We can no longer sanctify our lack of spiritual vitality under the thin veneer of ecclesiastical orthodoxy.

There is an old Chinese proverb that says it is better to put a kettle of cold water to boil on a hot stove than to put a kettle of boiling water on a cold stove.

It is my desire that this year's National Conference not be a mere bonfire affair which produces a bright flash of light, a lot of heat and energy, but with only smoldering ashes the rest of the year. I'm praying for a woodstove experience where we get the fires lit, the kettle warm, and sustain it throughout the year.

I dream of every Grace Brethren Church being a hot stove that provides both light and warmth to its people, and where some serious spiritual cooking is done throughout the year.

It's great to possess a quality collection of spiritual recipes, but for our churches to have the energy and muscle they need to impact this generation for Christ, we've got to do some solid catering.

Now is the time for a deeper commitment to God for exultation, to our churches for edification, and to our world for evangelization.

The greatest thing that could happen at this year's National Conference and 50th anniversary celebration would be for the Spirit of God to bond our hearts together and send us into the 1990's with new excitement and a deeper commitment for the ministries He has given to us. ■



John J. Davis, Th.D., is moderator of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and will preside at its national conference in Winona Lake, Indiana, July 30-August 3. He was invited to write this guest editorial on the theme of the Conference. Dr. Davis is president of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary.

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The leaders of FGBC organizations come together monthly for prayer and planning in a meeting they call Vision for the 90's. Sensing the tension in our Fellowship around issues of identity and purpose, these leaders welcome the work of the FGBC Strategy Committee. The Fellowship Council charged the panel with the responsibility of developing a plan for growth, guidelines to unite the Fellowship in its Great Commission ministry.

The Council will present the proposed strategy to the FGBC annual conference July 30-August 3. To acquaint the Fellowship with the strategy in preparation for its consideration, the Vision for the 90's Committee requested that this issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* be dedicated to a presentation of the proposal.

Publisher Charles Turner graciously consented to the request and has actively supported and been involved in the preparation of this issue. It begins with a challenge from this year's moderator, Dr. John J. Davis, who presents the Conference theme.

Following this introductory page, you will find eight significant articles written by selected leaders in our Fellowship. The first is an overview of the proposed strategy, explaining the proposal's development and outlining its six major objectives.

There follow six articles unfolding these objectives. They are intended to expand our horizons, to challenge us to personal involvement in the worldwide ministry of the Fellowship.

A concluding article calls the Fellowship to fraternal cooperation in our Great Commission responsibility. Holding to a common Statement of Faith, we are challenged to join forces in a common commitment to evangelism and church planting.

It all began for the Grace Brethren Church fifty years ago. Out of the division of that era came a flourishing, evangelical witness to God's truth. Now, fifty years later, it all begins again with you -- and me. The degree of our vision and commitment will determine the degree of our success, under God, in fulfilling the Great Commission.

This issue and the strategy it presents are intended to cause us to dream again, to pray, plan, and work for greater impact in our unreached world. We pray that working together with a united strategy will enable us to make a significant difference for Christ and His Church in the next decade and into the 21st century.

Carefully read this issue of the *Herald*, and prayerfully respond to its challenge!

Jesse Deloe

On behalf of the Vision for the 90's Committee

To Dream Again

A Shared Strategy for the FGBC

by Ed Trenner

Ideas! Nothing exists today that wasn't first "only an idea."

A seminary faithful to God's Word; a foreign missions organization to aid churches in reaching the world; a home missions organization to facilitate church planting in America; a publication house to communicate the heart of the mission; new churches on the west coast, in the New England states and Alaska . . . once only ideas . . . now meeting real needs.

Imagination! Dreams! Vision! Faith! These are the stuff achievements are made of. Observing, admiring, preserving . . . all have their value, but they do not produce achievement.

God holds us accountable as stewards of all He has entrusted to us. We know from the parables of our Lord that God expects us to multiply all He has given us and not simply to protect it.

As believers in Jesus Christ committed to the authority of the Scriptures in our lives, we must address needs that have eternal consequence.

Two years ago the moderator of our Fellowship, Tom Julien, challenged us to "Dream Again." Among his recommendations was the formation of a Strategy Committee to prepare a master plan for the 1990's . . . "a fully-developed strategy of outreach for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, giving us direction for the final decade of our century."

Under the direction of the Fellowship Council, Jim Custer, Tom Julien, and Ed Trenner began a research and dialogue process that has resulted in a proposed strategy for the 1990's . . . a purpose statement, six objectives, and numerous goals pointing us to an aggressive future of personal growth and corporate outreach.

After two years of dialogue with leadership throughout our Fellowship, the Strategy Committee noted six areas of concern that kept surfacing . . . six needs pervading our Fellowship:

- **A New Passion for God --**

We need courage, faith and commitment

coming from a profound sense of God's presence and direction in our lives.

- **Focus on Personal Evangelism --**

Everyone must be able to share his faith in Christ with friends and neighbors confidently.

- **Development of Leaders --**

Far too many churches are without pastors; mission fields without missionaries; churches without qualified leadership.

- **Aggressive Church Planting --**

More evangelism takes place in church planting efforts than anywhere else. Church planting is the cutting edge of evangelism. We need aggressive church planting in America and around the world.

- **Clear Communication --**

For being 50 years old as a Fellowship, we have a long way to go in getting acquainted. This is the nature of a Fellowship of autonomous churches. We need to work at building relationships of trust and mutual benefit.

- **A Master Plan, a Strategy --**

We need a plan to unite and focus our resources. Without goals for the future it is difficult to measure progress. Discouragement and defeat are common companions.

We are a determined group of people who know what we believe and have confidence that God is pleased with our devotion. We also know the need of the world around us is far greater than we have been able to address as individual churches. There is a new interest in moving ahead together to accomplish far more than any one of us could ever do alone.

How do you go about focusing the energy and resources of a Fellowship of 325 churches? With all the differing interests, geographical locations, and needs, how do you find a single focus?

The committee identified some basic assumptions necessary to a strategy for a fellowship of churches:



I believe this may be the most important document for our Fellowship since the Statement of Faith was revised. It may be the strategic force which God uses to unite and empower us to accomplish more for His glory than we ever have before in the history of the FGBC.

-- Pastor Robert Fetterhoff, Wooster, Ohio

- The strategy must be broad enough for every local church and national organization to embrace and still provide enough focus to give clear direction to all of us.
- It must be focused in fulfilling the Great Commission.
- It must be challenging to Grace Brethren of all ages and roles of leadership.
- It must be focused in Jesus Christ, His Church, His Power.
- It must reflect dependency on God through prayer.
- It must perpetuate the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches as a movement, not a denomination.

As the Strategy Committee evaluated our existence as a Fellowship, they drafted a purpose statement founded in the mandates of Ephesians 4 and Matthew 28:

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches exists to encourage and enable local churches in equipping and uniting the saints in fulfilling the great commission.

This purpose statement focuses on three essential ingredients: serving the local church, involving all believers in ministry, and discipling all nations.

In light of the needs of our world, the concerns within our churches, and the mandates of our Lord, the Strategy Committee proposes six continuing objectives for the Fellowship:

1. **To encourage personal fellowship with Jesus characterized by love and obedience to His Word.**
2. **To encourage personal evangelism.**
3. **To disciple leaders for present and future ministries in the FGBC.**
4. **To plant Grace Brethren Churches world-wide.**
5. **To develop clear communication for a healthy Fellowship.**
6. **To strategize and implement vision throughout the FGBC.**

These six objectives will keep us focused on meeting the needs about which we care deeply. We believe that their achievement will allow us to have a major influence in our world and result in the growth of our Fellowship.

Some may ask, "Is this of God?" The test of God's direction comes first from His written Word and second, from the confirmation of His Spirit in our hearts individually and then corporately.

Psalm 127 says, "Unless the Lord builds the

house, they labor in vain who build it." God is the one who accomplishes the task. So why plan?

Luke 14 warns us to count the cost before building a tower to make sure we have enough to finish it. In other words: plan!

God is sovereign but He holds us responsible. It is in the tension of God's sovereignty and our accountability to Him that we plan. As James expressed it, "If the Lord wills, we will do . . ."

We can be confident of God's leading when we obey His Word and submit our hearts to the leading of His Spirit. Proverbs 16 says, "Commit your works unto the Lord and your plans will be established." "God, our hearts, our works are yours!"

We believe this proposed strategy reflects the kind of Fellowship we desire by the year 2000 . . . a Fellowship both alive with faith and pleasing to our Lord. The most exciting days in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches are just ahead!

God has called us to run a race, to run unencumbered, to run with endurance, to run with single focus. Hebrews 12 is clear in how the race is to be run. Jesus is the final focus.

In his Moderator's address, Tom Julien directed his challenge "To Dream Again" to a select group:

This Moderator's address, dear friends, is directed to those of you who are willing to rise to the challenge of the hour, to those of you who wish to refuse mediocrity as you move into this final decade of this century, to those of you who wish to stretch your souls, to reach out to a measure of spiritual greatness that you have not known.

At a crisis time in history, how many of you have the courage to pursue the passion of those men who have marked our past? How many of you believe, as I do, that we have a destiny to fulfill as a Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches?

In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul reminds us, "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win!" Runners in a race don't walk or crawl. They run. The time has come for us to run to win!



Ed Trenner recently was named pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Orange, California, after serving in an interim capacity for several months. He is moderator of the Southern California-Arizona District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and a member of the FGBC strategy committee.

I have noticed that growing churches have dreams for the future. Exciting dreams. Dreams that are larger than life. If all our churches dream together, we just might grow together.
- Pastor Jerry Young, Lititz, Pennsylvania



Personal Holiness, Faith and Sacrifice

A Call to Be Christian

by Jesse Deloe

The proposed strategy for our FGBC begins with the individuals who make up the Fellowship, the members of Grace Brethren Churches. Objectives and goals are futile if they are not brought down to the level of personal responsibility.

The Strategy Committee has capsulated the first continuing objective in two words: Seeking God. The more complete statement is **"To encourage personal fellowship with Jesus characterized by love and obedience to His Word."**

Meeting this objective demands the understanding and application of five significant terms fundamental to developing personal fellowship with Jesus: prayer, holiness, sacrifice, love, and obedience.

Prayer

Prayer is hard work. It is a spiritual battle, often wrestling against supernatural powers. But prayer is more than just asking or combating evil. At heart, prayer is communicating with God, the primary means of fellowship with Him. It is personal and intimate conversation between child and Father.

What seems to be missing in so much of our praying is an awareness of the holy ground upon which we stand or kneel when we pray. Borthwick illustrates this factor in his description of the worldly Christian. "The worldly Christian," he says, "looks to Scripture for personal blessing; prays mostly for immediate, personal needs; and sees the Christian faith as a way to get God on his or her side" (*A Mind for Missions*, p. 14).

Continuing, "The selfish spirit of our age leads the worldly Christian to look to God and the Bible primarily for personal fulfillment." In such an approach to God, where is worship?

Holiness

That question leads to the subject of holiness. It is a holy God whom we approach in prayer. One who demands holiness in his people (1 Peter 1:14-16; 2 Cor. 7:1).



An urgent cry being voiced in many articles these days is "Back to the Basics!" Similarly, there are basic objectives that Grace Brethren people have always stood for - prayer, obedience to God's Word, evangelism, discipling, church planting, etc. I'm thrilled to see us go "back to the basics!"

-- Pastor John Burke, Waterloo, Iowa

We have been deceived into thinking that happiness is a legitimate, God-given goal to pursue. Most of us are killing ourselves in its vain pursuit. We would do better to understand that to please God, we should be in pursuit of holiness. Only in that quest can one find happiness.

We are so busy pursuing success, happiness, and harmony with others that we have neglected the pursuit of holiness and a relationship with the most high God, our Father.

Is it possible that the lack of meaningful prayer is directly related to a lack of holiness? We are so busy pursuing success, happiness, and harmony in our relationships with others that we have neglected the pursuit of holiness and a relationship with the most high God, our Father.

Love

While holiness is a neglected, almost forgotten word in the current evangelical vocabulary, love has become an overworked and often misunderstood term.

The objective is to encourage personal fellowship with Jesus characterized by love. We will display that love in two dimensions. First, we will direct it heavenward. Love for the Lord Jesus is the natural response of the believer whose life has been transformed by an encounter with the Savior. It is the Great Commandment of God, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment,"* Matthew 22:37-38.

Jesus continues in verse 39, *"And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"* Our love for others is a measure of our love for God. But it's

not an easy, nor a natural corollary. As Borthwick puts it, "Only He can love the world; we do not have that capacity." (p. 18).

He quotes a statement from leaders of WORLDTEAM mission, "For the world Christian, life begins with God, not the world around him nor even the need of world evangelism. He is absorbed first in God and for that reason he becomes absorbed with humanity. Because 'God so loved the world,' the World Christian" loves the world (pp. 17-18).

Then, there is the New Commandment of Jesus in John 13:34-35, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." He even makes this the distinguishing mark of His followers, "All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

Do we need to be reminded that love, the kind God reveals, the kind Jesus commands, is not merely an emotional response to another's attractiveness? Rather, it is volitional love, a love of choice, a love that is directed to act toward another's best interest. Why? Because Jesus does. Because we are His, and we desire to love and serve Him.

Sacrifice

The ultimate evidence of God's kind of love was demonstrated at Calvary. It is characterized by another word in our consideration, sacrifice. That's not a popular idea. In our world of affluence and ease, we have forgotten the value and necessity of sacrifice.

We praise it in Olympic athletes who sacrifice over years to achieve temporal honor. We see it in the dedication of a research scientist who has isolated himself or herself in the laboratory with an altruistic goal of finding a cure for disease.

We've seen it in the lives of some Christians (all too few, no doubt) who have left home, family, friends, career to plant a church or to preach the Word in a distant place among an unreached people. They exemplify sacrifice to us. But, do we see it in the daily experience of the church? If so, why do Grace Brethren ministries so often go begging for support? Why are missionaries delayed in departure for the field while we who are to "stay by the stuff" are vacationing in our recreational vehicles?

Obedience

The final word may be the most difficult of all.

Sometimes I hear people say that to obey a command or precept of the Scriptures when we "don't feel like it" is to be hypocritical. So, we may not follow the clear admonitions of Scripture, rationalizing that it would be a farce to act in a way inconsistent with our true feelings.

To adopt such a practice, however, is to ignore God's clear expectation of His people. Jesus said it to the disciples in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

To harken back to an earlier thought, Bridges comments, "Holiness is not a series of do's and don't's but conformity to the character of God and **obedience to the will of God.**" (p. 72)

***In its broader sense
holiness is obedience
to the will of God
in whatever God directs.***

He concludes: "In its broader sense holiness is obedience to the will of God in whatever God directs. No one can pursue holiness who is not prepared to obey God in every area of his life" (p. 139).

The strategy committee's recommendation to the Grace Brethren Fellowship focuses on what local churches can do to encourage personal fellowship with Jesus. But, remember that bringing the supernatural into our daily living by pursuing holiness, choosing to love both Jesus and men, and determining to be obedient to the will of God are individual matters. While churches may encourage and exhort and provide means for implementation, the responsibility for conformity is upon each of us who are members of Grace Brethren Churches. ■



Jesse Deloe is Director of Administration for the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council and its affiliates. He has pastored four churches in the FGBC and has served on the administrative staff of both Grace Brethren Foreign Missions and Grace Schools. He moderated the annual conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches in 1980.

We are in a battle against sin, Satan, and selfishness. It's time we go on the offensive for Christ with a united strategy. Unite on the victory side!

-- Rev. Roy Snyder, retired
missionary and field superintendent
Central African Republic



Personal Evangelism: Start Where You Are And Keep Growing . . . A Call to Reach Out

by Roger Peugh

The guest speaker at Grace College came to preach about personal evangelism. After a brief introduction in which he gave examples of various methods of sharing Christ, he powerfully drove home his point with words that pounded in the ears of his listeners, "DO IT! DO IT! DO IT! Do it, do it, do it, DO IT!!!" These forceful words hit their mark that day, and still do in many of us today.

Of course he knew, and so do we, that there is more to sharing your faith than just simply doing it. However, probably **THE BIGGEST HURDLE FOR MOST OF US** is just arranging our priorities to do what our Lord said -- giving away what He has so generously given to us. We don't need to be apostles or even to have gone to school to be effective soul winners.

*Share with others
the greatness of Christ.*

Our fellowship of churches has a strong emphasis on teaching, but we are noticeably weak in evangelism. As we look ahead to the '90's, it is our intense desire to correct this weakness by seeking God's help to mobilize our ranks. We want to balance our passion to teach with an equal commitment to win the lost to Christ.

**Every Believer Can Tell Someone Else
about His Faith in Jesus.**

Acts 8:4 says, quite simply, that ALL of those who were scattered when Paul persecuted the church in Jerusalem "went everywhere preaching the Word." A Holy Spirit boldness had

filled them all, and they let nothing intimidate them.

He was five when he climbed on his father's lap and asked how to become a Christian. After hearing the explanation, he understood and asked Christ to forgive his sin and take over his life. Minutes later, he ran to the kitchen to tell his mother, then to his brother who was practicing the piano. The next morning he met the neighbor girl on her way to school and told her. Upon his arrival at class he let his Kindergarten teacher and all his classmates in on the good news!

Advanced training? -- No, but a spiritual boldness that refused to think about self and then get embarrassed! Every believer -- from child to senior citizen -- can tell someone about the joy of his personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

**As We Get to Know Him Better,
We Have More to Give**

Just how did the early Christians share? Last year, our German missions team spent many hours studying the witness of those who had personally walked and worked with Christ. The good news in Acts was always just that -- a hope-filled message. We saw that they focused primarily on the excellencies of Christ and the life He offers (check Acts 2:14-41; 3:12-26; 10:34-44; 13:15-41; 17:22-32). THEN, they followed with the heavy question of sin.

We concluded that most of us in sharing our faith with unbelievers had usually talked more about their sin first and then about our Lord. Our study has led us to reverse the emphasis and we've noticed an increased openness and responsiveness in our listeners. We're now trying first to share with

*Distinctive forms are enough to accomplish
organizational unity. But it takes distinctive purposes
to achieve spiritual unity and vigor. This strategy is
a definitive statement of purpose that if
implemented enthusiastically will weld our fellowship
into a spiritual force.*

— Pastor Larry Smithwick, Anchorage, Alaska

others the greatness of Christ. This includes His goodness, holiness, forgiveness, friendship, power for living, the deep joy of knowing Him, our secure future in Him, and His daily guiding our lives.

We emphasize those characteristics as vividly as we know how. Then we seek to show how their sin hinders them from knowing Him and the rich life which follows His forgiveness and filling. What we found in Acts reminded me that Isaiah didn't say, "Woe is me" until AFTER seeing our glorious Lord (Christ) on His throne (Isa. 6:1-5; John 12:37-41). It's the biblical pattern; first we see God's glory (His righteous standard), then we recognize our sin (how far we've fallen short of Him).

Barry, after 15 months in solitary confinement in the Stuttgart maximum security prison, prayed to receive Christ. He was then told, "If you meant what you said, Christ just forgave you all your sins!" He spoke intensely, "Vivian would be so happy." Minutes later, he had her on the phone in England and his first sentence was, "Darling, Jesus Christ just forgave me all my sins!" He testified boldly to the great work of Christ in his life -- a theologically accurate statement of his experience.

Any Christian Can Learn More to Be Able to Tell More About Jesus Christ

We desire to speak out the good news about Christ ever so clearly and boldly with deepening content in our message. This will involve training -- courses, seminars, and memorizing verses. It will include watching others share and learn by experience how to help people with special questions.

I got a tip from a pastor-friend on a simple way to share Christ quickly with strangers. While flying from London to Stuttgart, I sat next to two young ladies from England. First, I asked a non-threatening opinion-question, "Why do so few people attend church in England, in your opinion?" Secondly, "What do you think that most people in England think of Jesus Christ?" Question three was, "What do you think of Jesus Christ?" And then the fourth was, "May I tell you what I think of Jesus Christ?"

The hour went by quickly, and they heard about the greatness of Christ and what He had done for me and what He could do for them. I'm so thankful for a friend who helped me to see the importance of asking key questions so I might become a more bold, prepared witness.

Personal Evangelism Is the Overflow of a Cleansed Love Relationship with Christ Our Lord

After a sin-filled life and time in prison, Barry knew the joy of that first-love relationship with Jesus Christ and spoke boldly of Him. The five-year-old boy also testified of his thankfulness to Jesus Christ, that he was part of God's family and headed for heaven.

Many Christians don't witness, perhaps because that clean first-love got dirtied by sin -- through dishonesty, hatred, greed, sexual sins, self-centered use of time, and every other imaginable way Satan can cause Christians to stumble. Cleansing is needed and then obedience -- to begin sharing Him at the level where we are. Then, we must keep on praying and learning so we can become more and more effective witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Effectiveness of Our Personal Evangelism Is In Direct Relationship to Our Cleansed and Unified Spiritual Walk with Fellow Christians (John 17:21-23).

In a sobering way, our Lord made it clear in His prayer for us that if things are not right between us and a fellow believer, the credibility and effectiveness of our witness will suffer directly. Can you imagine a husband leaving the house to go door-to-door, telling others of Christ, after having vented anger on his wife in an unresolved argument? What about the effectiveness of a church choir's singing of God's caring love, after having fought in the choir room about who would stand in the front row?

Spiritual disunity among our pastors and churches will also neutralize and discredit our witness. The Scriptures emphasize that the foundation of our witness must be spiritually unified and cleansed. Brand new Christians have that clean relationship which God's Word calls "first-love" (Rev. 2:4-5). The only way we will stay active and effective in our witness for Christ is to walk in that constantly cleansed relationship with Him and each other. Paul stated it so well as a life habit: "I, myself, always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men" (Acts 24:16). We can't expect the same power Paul spoke of without the same purity he knew.

The Scriptures are only too clear -- every believer can and ought to give a vibrant spoken testimony for Jesus Christ. Let's each begin where we are.

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We have a strong emphasis on teaching in our Fellowship, but we're not so strong on evangelism. We must have a plan for aggressive outreach in evangelism and church planting on the home front.

-- Pastor Ernest Usher, Atlanta, Georgia



Leadership Development

A Call to Preparation

An interview with David Plaster and Ed Lewis



Leadership has become a hot topic of conversation as we head into the 90's. Why is it so critical?

Plaster: We are talking about key men in local churches who will be able to impart vision and initiative to move ahead. Vision and initiative are the key words.

We are fifty years old as a Fellowship and have reached a point where there is a whole generation that "knew not Joseph." They never studied under McClain. They don't know what the Grace/Ashland division was all about. They know only what we are today, and they need to be raised up to provide the vision and initiative for our Fellowship. Otherwise, we will turn into a fossil for the 21st century.

Lewis: We have all heard the cliché, "some people let things happen, while others watch things happen. Some people think things happen, and some don't know what's happened." We need to work with people who are willing to make things happen in their own lives and in the church. Leadership is integral with the mandate of the church. Our pastors must be people who influence others, who step out and set the pace, people whom others will follow.

Let me add here that we must address the needs of women in leadership roles, too. Our WMC and SMM organizations have far outstripped the men in their contributing of time and money to missionary projects in our churches. But, there is still a great need for strong leadership with vision for ministries which will reach out to women and girls for evangelism and discipleship.



How do you produce this vision and initiative?

Plaster: Vision is something which is more careful than taught. It has to be modeled.

Men who come to Grace Seminary to prepare for the ministry should already be disciplined to a

certain degree. We help them to go one step further to expand, refine, and polish their pastoral skills. Then, they can go back to local churches and continue the cycle of producing leaders with vision and initiative, some of whom will go to seminary and help to carry on the process.

Lewis: Many of our local churches are equipped even now to train future leaders among both men and women. The modeling process begins very early through Sunday School, youth group, and the pastor himself.

I think a great way to develop vision is to expose young people to the lost. Philemon 6 says "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith so that you will have a knowledge of every good thing you have in Christ." Through that exposure, we can discover if they are willing to step in and get involved.



What are specific ways in which a church can develop this kind of leader?

Lewis: Leadership, as has already been mentioned, has to be modeled, beginning in the home. Young people need to be taught the truths of Scripture so they really know the basics. And as that knowledge of the Word grows, they begin to get involved in ministry experiences in small ways (ministering to mom and dad or reaching out to a neighbor).

As they grow, the church could encourage them to take part in programs like National Achievement Competition and BNYC. Through these, they are exposed to other young people, regionally and nationally. They begin to get a vision of what could happen if we were to work together as a Fellowship. They can gain further ministry experience through Operation Barnabas and the TIME program.

Plaster: We see the results of this experience as young people from BNYC, Operation Barnabas team members, and TIME missionaries come to seminary



How refreshing to know that these FGBC objectives are mandated throughout the New Testament. They remind us that water rises no higher than its source, the FGBC is guaranteed to rise on the quality of its God-given leaders who implement these objectives.

— Dr. Luke E. Kauffman, Pastor, Myerstown, PA

to study. We should be encouraged as a Fellowship by the kind of young people who are offering themselves for vocational ministries.

As they come to seminary, we have three major concerns. First, we want to broaden the theological base which they have already begun to develop in their local church.

Secondly, we must continue to focus on the development of ministry skills in an environment where it is easy to neglect participation in ministry.

Finally, we need to focus on character issues such as the qualifications for leaders (1 Timothy 3). Though we are not a local church, we stand as mentors to the students. We must challenge them in the area of spiritual character.

Lewis: One other specific is accountability. That's why I like what the seminary is doing with small groups. I think the same thing has to happen in the local church. The small group provides the setting for Christians to begin exercising leadership in small ways so they can be trained to lead in larger areas.



What should we be seeking to develop in young people?

Lewis: I'll mention just four: an understanding of age group characteristics (i.e., how to work with children, adults, etc.); an ability to express oneself before other people, to be able to lead people and command attention; a willingness to verbalize his or her faith; a consistent involvement in ministering to others.

Plaster: Let me describe what worked in my life. One of my pastors took me aside and said, "Dave, you need to preach." He showed me the books I could use and how to use them. He invested far more time in helping me prepare that sermon than any five sermons he could have prepared himself.

Another pastor said, "Dave, I'm getting a group of adults together for training in witnessing. That would be a good thing for you." And so there I was, a high school kid with the adults, getting involved in witnessing. That kind of investment and interest made a difference in my life.

Another key was that my local church didn't forget me when I went off to college and seminary. Sometimes it was just a little note, but it made a difference. So when the para-church agencies came along to recruit me for some ministry outside the Brethren Fellowship, I wasn't easily excited about those things. I had already caught a vision for, and

felt the love of, my local church. I felt accountable to them. It's very important for pastors to foster those kinds of ties. It takes time, but it's worth it.



What specific challenge do you have for pastors or youth workers reading this article?

Plaster: I want them to write down the names of four or five young people into whom they want to pour their lives. And they should write out what they want to see happen in their lives because of the potential they see in them. The youth worker ought to put this list in his or her prayer notebook and begin praying that the Spirit of God would challenge those young people to ministry.

Lewis: That includes both fellows and girls, of course. And that same principle can extend to Sunday School teachers for elementary-age children. They need to see that the key leaders of the church of tomorrow are there in their classes. Their task has to go beyond simply imparting certain facts; it extends to investing their lives in these children to encourage them to grow.



What do we need to do as a Fellowship to retain leaders?

Plaster: For many years we attracted and retained good leaders in our Fellowship because they recognized a group of churches that had a mission and who bent their energy to accomplish that mission. There was no time to focus on merely maintenance issues. Instead, the focus was on growth, direction, and vision.

But the moment that focus shifts to maintenance, enthusiasm evaporates and the sense of a common mission fades. And those whom God has gifted and who have reached a certain level of leadership, go

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David Plaster

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Ed Lewis

We need to have a strategy, even among the Navajo people, to reach as many as we can. In whatever area you're working, you need a focused strategy. It's a most important thing.

— Daron Butler, Grace Seminary Student
Appointee to Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries



Where Will We Be in 2039 A.D.?

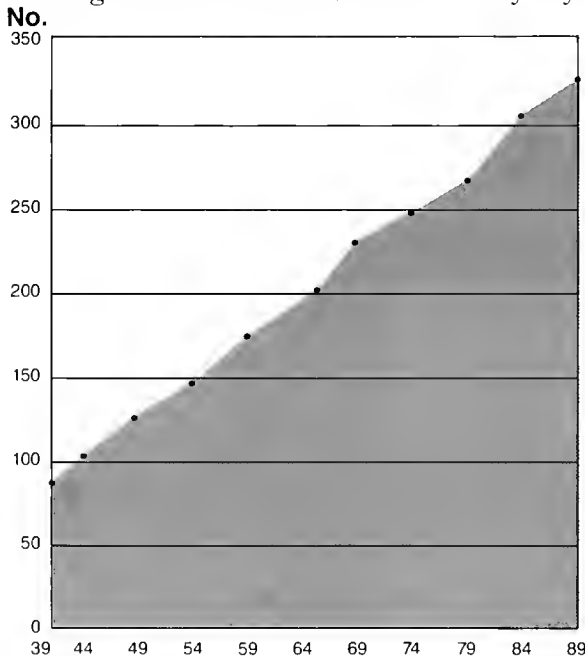
A Call to Church Extension

by Larry N. Chamberlain

This year, the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council celebrates its fiftieth anniversary as the church-planting arm of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

What we have accomplished over those fifty years is commendable. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those persons whom God used to build the church of Jesus Christ in the United States of America. They are the men who rose to the challenge of pioneering new churches in sometimes very remote areas. There are also the many good folks who have joined our efforts through their prayers and financial support.

Throughout the centuries, from the early days of



Growth in Number of Grace Brethren Churches

the Church, the work of establishing new testimonies for Christ through missionary enterprise has been a team effort. If only the histories could report all the persons involved behind the scenes in the

building of the church around the world, we would be amazed at the number. It's a comfort to know that with God not one single effort by anyone in the cause of Christ goes unrecorded.

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As a part of our celebration in our fiftieth year, we pay tribute, with thanksgiving, to those who blazed the trail. They are the pioneers who paid the price, who worked many times unthanked and unrewarded, and often unnoticed, to see the church of Christ extended into the neighborhoods of America and the nations of the world.

While it is good to reflect on the goodness of God in the past, I would call us to be challenged by the greatness of God in our future.

Fifty years ago, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches began with about eighty-two churches after our division from the Ashland Brethren. Today, our membership is about 325 churches. Over the fifty-year span, this equals a compound annual growth rate of roughly 2.75 percent. Note the steady growth of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches from its beginning in 1939 to 1989 as illustrated in the graph on this page.

It is good to recognize that we are still growing. Our growth has been rather steady, with little disruption, over the fifty years. Yet, it would be interesting to consider where we might be today if our average annual growth rate were greater than the 2.75 percent illustrated in the graph. In fact, it is not only interesting to investigate this, but it is quite sobering and alarming.

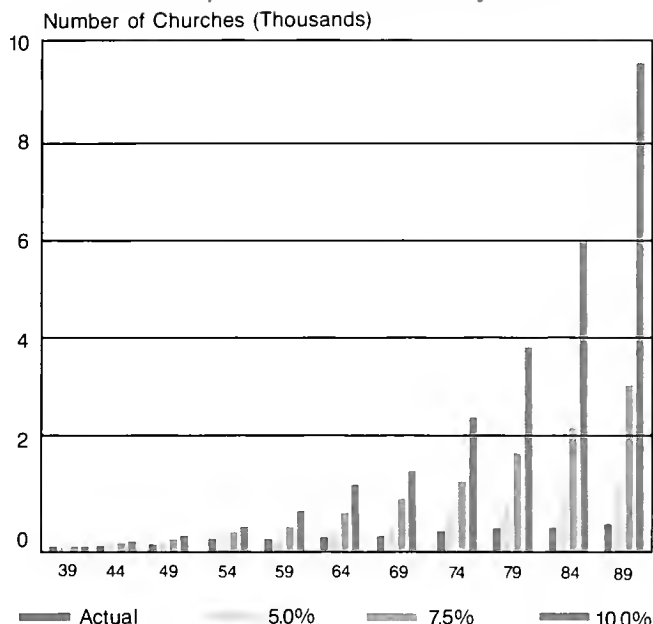
Consider the second graph of comparative growth rates, assuming the rates of 5.0%, 7.5%, and 10.0%. If we had grown by 5 percent yearly over the fifty year span, we would number 940 churches in 1989. Had we grown by 7.5 percent, we would number



This proposition employs some excellent management techniques that could open new doors for Grace Brethren. I really believe "without a plan we perish." Praise God for these men of vision. The Women's Missionary Council will support you and pray for you!

-- Mrs. Russell, Betty, Ogden, National WMC Pres.

Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches Comparative Growth Analysis



3,050 churches . . . by 10 percent, 9,626 churches!

What is sobering about this reflection is the consideration of what our annual contributions for world missions would be today if we had grown by these numbers over the past 50 years. Assuming that the additional churches would each contribute the average amount currently given to Foreign Missions by Grace Brethren Churches (\$10,036 based on 1988 giving records), the following amounts are what "could be" going to world missions:

Growth Rate	Missions Giving
5.0%	\$9,433,840
7.5%	\$60,717,800
10.0%	\$96,606,536

Think of it. \$96.6 million per year for world evangelism!

Equating this growth to the number of missionaries on the field is even more sobering, assuming a current base of 68 missionary families in active duty in foreign countries:

Growth Rate	Missionary Families
5.0%	197
7.5%	1,266
10.0%	2,014

We might become despondent over what we "could have done" over the past 50 years, but I would prefer to think about where we are right now and project what "can be done" in the next 50 years.

Consider the potential growth of our Fellowship of Grace Brethren churches in the United States of America and its world missions impact over the next 50 years. In the year 2039 A.D., given the suggested growth rates above and assuming a starting number of 325 churches, these would be the results:

Growth	Number Churches	Missions Giving	Missionary Families
5.0%	3,726	\$37,394,136	779
7.5%	12,087	\$121,305,130	2,529
10.0%	38,152	\$382,893,470	7,982

The Grace Brethren Home Missions Council has adopted as its mission statement: "To glorify God by facilitating the Great Commission church-planting ministries of Grace Brethren Churches in North America." We pledge to you our aggressive commitment to a comprehensive program of church-planting that will facilitate the expansion of our Fellowship in America beyond the growth rate of our past.

We must work together as never before to reach our nation and our world for Christ.

We must accelerate our cooperative efforts. We must work together as never before to reach our nation and our world for Christ and to build His Church in the decades to come.

Where will we be in 50 years? In the year 2039 A.D., will our successors be despondent over what "could have been" or will they be praising God for the focused, calculated commitment made by a handful of 325 churches in 1989?



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The opportunity represented by our unique resources and the tremendous needs of our world demand that we develop a ministry strategy. Without it, the 1990's could become a wasted decade for the FGBC.

— Pastor Terry Hofecker, Dublin, OH

Fellowship

A Call to Commitment

by Dr. Homer A. Kent

Fellowship is a popular word in evangelical circles that frequently needs defining. Terms that become "buzz words" because of constant usage sometimes take on new, specialized meanings that differ from what they were originally intended to convey.

The underlying idea in the various words which convey this concept in the New Testament is having something "in common." Such words as communal, participation, sharing, partnership, and companion are all related to this word-family and help to suggest the basic thought. Fellowship is essentially a partnership. It is that situation that exists when people join together because of certain things they have in common. It may be a common natural relationship (a family), or common purpose (for example, a business), or common interests (a club).

In the New Testament, fellowship was that partnership which all believers shared because of their common life in Christ. It referred to their participation in the life of God and their sharing as equal partners in the church. It was not, however, simply a formal arrangement by which individuals joined a group because of a common purpose. Christian fellowship was a unity brought about by the Holy Spirit who created one spiritual organism out of all those who placed their trust in Jesus Christ.

The Spiritual Fact --

The underlying truth regarding spiritual fellowship, according to the Bible, is that such a fellowship already exists for every believer. Each person who trusts Christ has been made a part of a grand spiritual unity: *"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit"* (1 Corinthians 12:13). The basic feature of this fellowship is the spiritual relationship which has been created between the believer and the Triune God.

But this relationship, which has made us sons of God, has also made us spiritual brothers and sisters

to every other believer and thus has created a horizontal fellowship as well as a vertical one: *"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ"* (1 John 1:3).

The Biblical Practice --

These two spiritual realities found immediate expression in the early church. As soon as Christ's promise to send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, the church began at once to practice this fellowship. *"And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer"* (Acts 2:42).

They understood that a spiritual unity had been created, and they did not hesitate to display it. In Jerusalem they shared their finances whenever anyone had a need (Acts 2:45). They ate meals together in various homes (Acts 2:46).

This understanding of partnership was not limited to those within the local church. Believers in the congregation at Antioch displayed their fellowship with those in Jerusalem by sending famine assistance in their time of need (Acts 11:29-30). The believers at Philippi became active participants with Paul in his gospel-preaching efforts not only when he was present in their midst but also numerous times after he had left (Phil. 1:5; 4:14-16). One of the major projects of Paul's ministry was to encourage many churches in Europe and Asia Minor to join in an effort to aid financially the churches in Judea as an appropriate demonstration of their fellowship with one another (1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9).

The Present Challenge --

A bit of reflection will reveal how much God has accomplished using the Grace Brethren Church as His instrument. Because this comparatively small group of churches has worked together in Christian



I have become fatigued with the frequent appeals to Brethren heritage as if it were a banner under which we could rally. Heritage is reminiscence, helpful to teach us lessons, but certainly not a force to thrust us into the future. This strategy may just be the key to move us from adolescence into maturity.

-- Pastor Wayne Hannah, Richmond, Virginia

Now is not the time to falter! The challenge is as great and exciting as ever! As individuals and churches practice fellowship, God can accomplish great things through the Grace Brethren Church for the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

fellowship, far more has been achieved than one might suppose. In a culture where success is usually measured by size, where quantity often seems more important than quality, and where style is commonly preferred over substance, it can be helpful and often surprising to look at what God has done with rather meager human resources.

Christian fellowship is a unity brought about by the Holy Spirit who creates one spiritual organism out of all those who place their trust in Jesus Christ.

Grace Brethren Foreign Missions has had astounding success in central Africa, with approximately three times the number of converts and churches planted there compared to the home base in America. Not all of our mission fields have shown such amazing growth, but, nevertheless, it is clear that God has used this enterprise mightily. Without the united effort of hundreds of churches, these accomplishments would not have occurred.

Through the support of churches working together in fellowship, the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council has successfully planted churches across America. The Council continues to serve as an example to other groups of how new works can be established and nurtured to a self-supporting status.

GBC Christian Education has led the way in innovative programming, national youth conventions, and specialized materials for local churches.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company has had remarkable growth. Its publishing ventures and book distribution are providing services that reach far beyond just Grace Brethren churches.

Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College have been singularly blessed by God, largely because Grace Brethren people have demonstrated fellowship by committing themselves to support this crucial educational enterprise. Because of this sharing of a common goal, two schools have developed whose quality has been recognized by national educational agencies. Their programs have attracted students from many Christian groups in America and around the world. Just as Brethren people are indebted to the writings, schools, and spiritual leadership of other Christians, now God has enabled us to make a contribution to the larger Christian world in the education of leaders and laymen through Grace Seminary and Grace College.

Now is not the time to falter! The challenge is as great and exciting as ever! As individuals and churches practice fellowship, God can accomplish great things through the Grace Brethren Church for the cause of Christ and His Kingdom. ■



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Every three months I meet with Missions Pastors from churches throughout California. We call ourselves CAMP (California Association of Missions Pastors). After every meeting, I return to Grace Brethren rejoicing that I belong to a Fellowship of like-minded and like-hearted churches. I have a family!

-- Pastor Jay Bell, Long Beach, California



Our World-Wide Family

A Call to Relationship

by Tom Julien

Bonjour, Gutentag, Buenos dias, Balao, Konichiwa, Mbote, Oye, Hola . . . Welcome to our world-wide family. You are a part of an international fellowship of churches encircling the globe. It used to be said that the sun never set on the British Empire. Did you ever stop to think that the sun never sets on a Grace Brethren Church? To be sure, they are pretty sparse in many parts of the world, and there are vast areas where there are none at all.

But over 1000 Grace Brethren congregations on five continents will worship God this coming Sunday. They begin at Tokyo and Manila, continue through Europe and Africa, and finally culminate in the American continent from Alaska to Argentina.

One of our distinctives as Grace Brethren is that we have twice as many churches overseas as in the sending country. Most of these are in the heart of Africa. They are in the Central African Republic and Chad, where James Gribble was the first of a noble line of missionaries who have seen central Africa become the most evangelized area of the world.

The dream of an International Fellowship will never be more than a dream without a spiritually strong and united fellowship of churches here in the United States.

In addition to Africa, national fellowships of churches exist in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Germany, and France. New churches are beginning in England, Spain, Japan, and the Philippines.

One of the exciting developments of our world-wide family is that churches have been started by nationals in several countries, such as Cameroon,

Nigeria, Guatemala, and Uruguay. These churches want to be Grace Brethren, but as yet there is no structure in place to give them identity.

Twice in the past, efforts began to create an International Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. In both cases, the time was not ripe. One of the goals of the strategy currently being proposed is to see that dream become a reality.

Can you imagine spending the equivalent of a week's salary to send a letter?

Just what would be the purpose of an International Fellowship?

For one thing, it would not be to organize a yearly conference for churches around the world. Of course, such a conference would be quite an experience. Imagine a businessman from Tokyo stumbling over the feet of a French school teacher to find his place beside a Pygmy from Toukoulou to listen to the testimony of a former air force pilot in Peru who is the pastor of a church in Mexico City!

Cost, distance, and language will always be stark realities that keep us from experiencing the kind of fellowship we are destined for when our Lord comes to reveal His bride. But other steps are squarely within the realm of possibility, and these are being pursued.

The purpose of an International Fellowship would be three-fold.

1. To identify Grace Brethren Churches world-wide.

What makes a church Grace Brethren, no matter where it is located? Where are these churches located? Who are their leaders? What kind of organization is needed to tie them together?

These are some of the questions that have been asked by a committee appointed by the Fellowship



Our commitment to the Scriptures and the Great Commission is unique and is well reflected in this strategy. Let's stay on target!

— Pastor John Teevan, Ashland, Ohio

Council. Answers are coming, but the task is not simple. Fellowships of churches in other countries are not merely satellites of our national fellowship in America. They exist in their own right, and a great deal of consultation will be necessary before final decisions can be made.

2. To establish communication between these churches.

Again, this is something that is easier to say than to do. Apart from language barriers, means of communication that exist between countries are costly and ineffective. Can you imagine spending the equivalent of a week's salary to send a letter? If you were in Chad, that would be the case.

But, though difficult, effective communication is vital. The pastors in Bangui, for example, wonder if we in the United States are really interested in their church-planting efforts. We could ask them the same question. Wouldn't it be great to have an international scoreboard of church-planting throughout the world in order to cheer each others' victories?

3. To encourage personal networking between Grace Brethren around the world.

Family relationships are the result of common origins and commitment. No real family has to justify its right to exist. It is difficult for those relationships to be meaningful, however, without personal contact.

We Americans are able to do a lot of traveling abroad. What if we would purpose to put focus in these travels? Maybe one use of our financial blessing would be to play the role of world-wide ambassadors for creating deeper relationships between churches. Some have already done it, and it is a deeply gratifying experience. A Caribbean cruise might be exciting, but having communion with brethren at Conde, Brazil could mark your life.

Yes, Grace Brethren churches dot the globe. Some of them are children of our American churches. Now, they have become adults, able to make their own decisions. But they will always need their parents.

The dream of an International Fellowship will never be more than a dream without a spiritually strong and united fellowship of churches here in the United States. Children from broken homes sometimes have to seek family ties elsewhere. A

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divorce in our own fellowship would have extremely damaging effects on our spiritual children.

How about focusing your prayers on ONE of those churches overseas for the next few years -- allowing our Lord Himself to be the first link between you and them. ☛



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Evangelism

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making the deepening commitment -- to get out there with our best method of evangelism. Let's start now to "DO IT!!"

As we begin to mobilize our combined FGBC resources in the coming years, **Every Single Person Counts.** All pastors, missionaries, and church leaders **must** model evangelism. Senior Saints in all walks should be pacesetters in joyfully sharing Him. The vigor of our youth needs to be trained and unleashed to proclaim Christ. At ALL levels, in every church and institution, we **MUST** deepen and intensify our commitment to proclaim Christ, so that by all means we might save some. ☛



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The strategy of Grace Brethren missions in France is focused on attaining measurable goals in evangelism. We're encouraged to see a plan developed which will give similar direction for the energies of our Fellowship.

— Mrs. David Griffith, missionary to France



The Global Demand for Strategic Alliance

Deepening Our Commitment to One Another and the World

by Larry N. Chamberlain

If we are to reach America and the nations of our world for Christ in the next decade and on into the next century, we must work together as a Fellowship of churches. We must combine our efforts, cooperate in joint strategy, and collectively do all we possibly can to establish Bible-believing testimonies for Christ.

We cannot afford to work in an environment of mere detente, a guarded effort of cooperation where each party considers independence as primary and cooperation as secondary. We cannot allow internal issues to replace external imperatives. We must defend the truths which we hold dear and do all we can to perpetuate them. At the same time, we dare not expend our energies on internal concerns at the sacrifice of cooperative Great Commission enterprise.

What we need is to strike a new alliance, an entente in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches for the globalization of the Great Commission.

Independent effort means total control by each participant over separate agendas. Alliance means sharing control over a common agenda. Sharing control means sharing values, vision, and genuine respect and appreciation for all parties, a commitment to each other.

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Writing on strategic alliances, an author in a recent *Harvard Business Review*, suggests:

... good partnerships, like good marriages, don't work on the basis of (independent)

ownership or control. It takes effort and commitment and enthusiasm from both sides if either is to realize the hoped-for benefits. You cannot own a successful partner any more than you can own a husband or a wife.*

Here are some excerpts from that same article, written from a secular perspective, in which the author suggests a list of "Do's for Successful Collaboration:"

1. Treat the collaboration as a personal commitment. It's people that make partnerships work.
2. Anticipate that it will take time.
3. Mutual respect and trust are essential.
4. Remember that all parties must get something out of it. Mutual benefit is vital. This will probably mean you've got to give up something. Recognize this from the outset.
5. Get to know your partners at all levels. Friends take longer to fall out.
6. Appreciate that cultures -- both geographic and corporate -- are different. Don't expect a partner to act or respond identically to you.
7. Celebrate achievement together. It's a shared elation, and you'll have earned it.

The author contends that too often alliances break apart for reasons similar to the break-up of a marriage:

It's a bit like going to a marriage counselor and complaining about the inconvenience of marriage because, had you not married, you could be dating anyone you like. You focus on what you think you're missing, on the inconveniences, and forget entirely about the benefits of being married. It's a psychological process. Alliance partners can easily fall into this kind of destructive pattern of thought, complaining about the annoyances of coordination, of working



The recommendations of the Strategy Committee encourage me to hope for better things in the 90's. It is good to determine our goals and to set our course accordingly.

-- Pastor James Dixon, Temple Hills, Maryland

We need each other as never before.

together, of not having free rein. They forget the benefits. Actually, they forget to look for the benefits.

I heard it asked recently, "If we don't deepen our commitment to each other, how can we deepen our commitment to the world?" Partners to an alliance must believe that they will be stronger together than either would be separately. They must recognize that each partner has unique skills and functional abilities the others lack. And they must work diligently over time to make the alliance successful.


Years ago *Life Magazine* reported an attempt at cooperative effort with tragic results. A young boy had wandered away from home and a search party was formed to locate the lad before he suffered from exposure to the harsh weather. A photographer was present and recorded the events.

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The first series of pictures shows the very disorganized activities of the search party. Each member was scouting in the areas where he felt inclined to look. Many hours passed and no sign of the missing boy was found. Finally, someone suggested that the searchers join hands and walk through the fields together. That way, they would make sure that all the ground was covered in a cooperative effort.

The next series of pictures reveals this strategy being followed. The party moved as a unit through the fields. As a result, the lad was found. The tragedy is that it was too late. The final picture shows the weeping father, holding the lifeless body of his son and lamenting, "If only we had joined hands sooner."

I urge the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, its member pastors and congregations, to strike a new alliance with each other, an entente for the globalization of the Great Commission. The expansive harvest fields of America and the world are too great for individual effort. The price to be paid for neglecting a cooperative strategy is too high.

We need each other as never before. While we still have the time, we must work in cooperative enterprise, firmly grasping hands, collectively pooling our resources for the all-important objective of reaching our nation and our world for Christ! 

• "The Global Logic of Strategic Alliance," *Harvard Business Review*, March-April, 1989, pp. 143-154.


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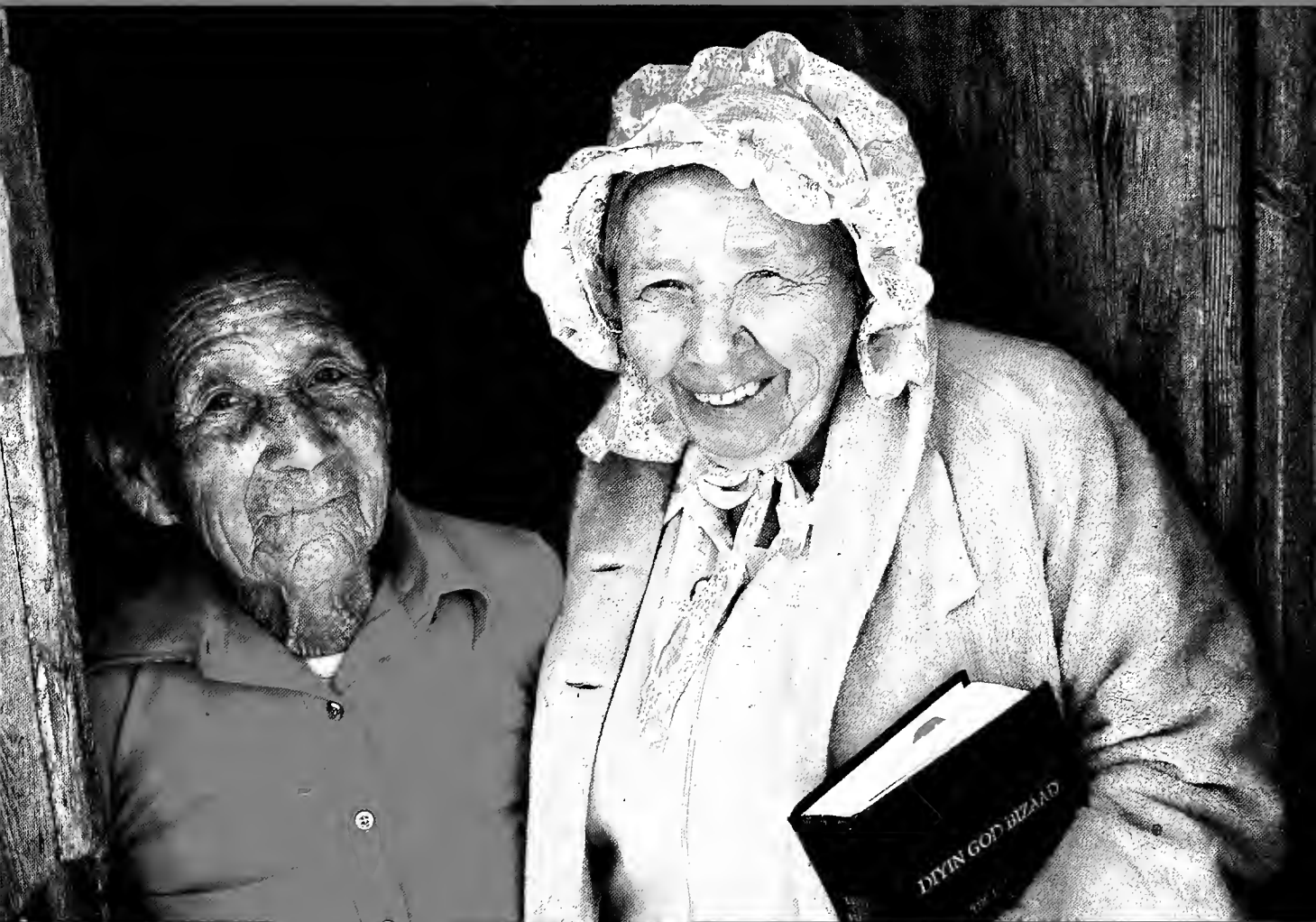
elsewhere to find a place where people see big horizons and are striving to reach them. We'll continue to lose to other groups the best leaders we train so long as we focus on small horizons and maintenance ministries.

Lewis: We must also release those people to move where their vision takes them. If we try to control people by a restrictive position, we will be acting contrary to the Holy Spirit's leading in their lives.

I think that as long as we offer a Fellowship that focuses on big horizons, we will never lack for leaders. I am really convinced of that. 

I believe that most Grace Brethren are working hard. If we are to achieve the results that God desires, we must also work smart. For significant change to take place, we need to give attention to the proposals of our strategy committee.
- Pastor Ed Cashman, Bellflower, California





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Did Jeremiah's Prophecies Foresee National Conference? **Welcome to the Annual Conference**

by Charles W. Turner

"You would tend to think as much." This thought occurred to me as I was reading through the prophecies of Jeremiah recently. In Jeremiah 51:46 my eyes came upon this verse, *"Do not lose heart or be afraid when rumors are heard in the land; one rumor this year, another next . . ."* (NIV)

Having been an attendee at National Conference for several decades now, I have discovered a certain "sameness" about it all. There are always rumors in the land of what will happen; one rumor this year, another next. Ministeriums spend much of their time discussing what will occur at conference and churches even vote on resolutions just in case certain events may happen. It seems to be like Jeremiah said.

The Annual Meeting, or National Conference as we have come to call it, is a great Brethren event. I have a two-volume set of minutes of Brethren meetings that run back over a hundred years. It is great reading on a snowy night when a good book becomes a great friend. You should read it sometime. It reaches the height of drama and the deep valleys of mystery. Sometimes you even wonder what they are talking about, but do not despair, they did not know either.

Few of our hundreds of conferences have changed the course of history. A few have, but not many. Thousands of resolutions have been made and just about as many have been forgotten. The Brethren have a tendency to pass resolutions and then go home and do pretty much what they have been doing. Piles of reports and hours of preparation by committees rest quickly in the silent niches of history -- to be forgotten along with all of the great moments in history.

But, do not despair -- there have been great moments at Annual Meetings. Most of them have taken place under a tree or in a quiet corner far from the intense formal meetings. Long before there were roving

microphones, communications spread across the floor with ease. As Jeremiah said, *"There will be rumors . . ."*

Possibly the greatest moments to occur at Annual Meetings are the sudden appearance of a friend you have not seen for a year or two. Those very special moments include that big Brethren bear hug from an old friend or perhaps the holy kiss that the Apostle spoke about. You may experience a warm tear when you recall a former day or a former friend. Sometimes when you have not seen your dear friends for a while, you now discover that one of the couple has slipped off to see Jesus since you last met. You cry, they cry and somehow you understand it will be better a bit later.

So the Annual Meeting is more than the time-crowded sessions that pack a lot into a short space of time. Conference may mean a cup of coffee or a triple-dip cone a the Flagpole or just laughing and loving together. It may mean an encounter with God through a sermon or a prayer or a seminar. It may be a collection of a whole lot of things put together. You go away and you are glad you came and you want to tell a friend that they *must* come next year.

The Brethren are a rare crowd, independent and Bible believing and wondering whether someone is going to try to upset their faith and undo their history. You do not have to worry too much. They do not buy from all sellers and they do not adapt every clever new idea. They change, but not too rapidly and they move, but not with too great haste. If you expect to sell them a bill of goods, you have to bring the best goods you have. If you deceive them once, you had better not try to do it again.

You know, after about forty of these conferences, I must admit I kind of like them. Jeremiah did say it well, *"There shall be rumors. One comes this year, another next."*

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A Patchwork Quilt

by Raeann Hart

**A picture of a patchwork quilt comes to my mind
when I think of Christ's church and the people I find.
We are all so different in shape, hue and tone,
like many colorful scraps of fabric all sewn
neatly together to make a unique design,
an intricate pattern for thread to outline.
Jesus Christ is the thread that binds us together
Our various talents are blended forever.
His connecting stitches of tolerance and love,
patience and compassion are His gifts from above.
Christ's thread unites each unique personality
to bring glory to God for all eternity.**

"I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no division among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought."

I Corinthians 1:10 (NIV)

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death --
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above
every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:1-11 NIV

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

I Corinthians 12:27

Heavenly Father,

Lord, give us Your compassion, tolerance and love to join us together just like a beautiful patchwork quilt. Take our different gifts and talents and blend them together to bring glory to You. Help us to achieve that precious unity that is only possible when Your Spirit is working through us.

Amen

Fifty Years of Ministry Thanks, Ralph!

by Charles W. Turner

If you have been in the National Fellowship for any length of time, you have met Ralph Colburn. He is always wearing a friendly smile and often a floral necktie. If you mentally associate him with California, that is just about right.

Ralph was born in Wheatland, North Dakota on October 22, 1916, the youngest of three children. Though born in North Dakota, he was destined for California. The family moved to Pomona, California in the summer of 1923 where all attended a Lutheran Church. Ralph was saved in Pomona on March 27, 1928 in an after-school Bible club for boys and girls. He still continued to attend the Lutheran Church, but soon thereafter he became a part of a newly-formed, independent, fundamental church.



The same year in September, the family moved to Long Beach, California and immediately began to attend the First Brethren Church of Long Beach under the ministry of Dr. L.S. Bauman. There, under strong Bible teaching, active youth groups and stabilizing influences, Ralph Jonathan Colburn was on the way to the ministry.

Ralph graduated from Long Beach Poly High School in June, 1933 and from the two-year Long Beach City College in February of 1939.

All this time Ralph was active in teaching Sunday School and in gospel teams. He sang second bass in a quartet and played the trumpet in brass quartets and ensembles. He sang in the church choir and literally held every office in the youth group.

In the fall of 1936, Ralph enrolled in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. He stayed in the dorms during the week, but came home every weekend to continue his active service in the church.

There was a change in his life in October, 1938 when his father died suddenly. Ralph's older

brothers were away from home and married by this time, so he moved home to support his mother and commuted to school each day.

In June of 1939, Ralph began the Community Church in Naples, which was a small community built around canals at the edge of Long Beach. It was a store front church that was common at that time and had the support of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. Sunday School and morning worship services were held and later Sunday evening youth meetings were started in Seal Beach. Ralph pastored this group through December of 1941 and witnessed its growth. Later, this work became the Grace Brethren Church of Seal Beach.

Ralph graduated from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles in June of 1940 with a Th.B. degree. That fall, he enrolled in Westmont College and graduated in 1941 with a B.A. degree. He was then called to the Whittier, California First Brethren Church in December of 1941 to lead the singing for evangelistic campaigns and stayed on for three years as supply pastor. Charles Ashman, Sr. was on a tour holding Bible Conferences at the time.

On May 1, 1942, Ralph became the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Compton. The church had a large building, but few members. Ralph served his church as a bachelor pastor, making his home with his mother until 1947.

About this time Ralph Colburn began to receive national attention in Brethren circles. He became the first National Youth Director of the denomination. He travelled all over the United States for this ministry. His Nash showed up at youth groups and youth camps and he visited Brethren young people in Christian schools all over the United States. I remember meeting Ralph for the first time during this ministry. He visited a number of us Brethren students at Bob Jones University. For seven years he managed to keep up with a hectic travel schedule.

In the fall of 1954, Ralph served as song leader and children's worker with evangelist Archie Lynn in the Northwest District. By now he was no longer the bachelor preacher, because on April 10, 1954 he married Julie Elizabeth Rowland at the First Brethren Church of Inglewood, California.

In January, 1955, they moved to Ft. Lauderdale,

Florida to begin a Brethren Church. Another dream Ralph had was to start a new district of churches. A building was dedicated in 1956 and five more building programs followed during his thirteen-and-one-half-year ministry in Florida. Ralph and Julie started two other Brethren churches and assisted in beginning three others.

This outstanding ministry in Fort Lauderdale started with sixteen people and saw the Sunday School grow to over 500 with a record attendance of 624. This church of three hundred members became one of the leading testimonies in the Fort Lauderdale area during this time period.

The Colburns were joined by two others during their stay in Florida. These blessings were Mark Jonathan who came in 1955 and Timothy Joel in 1958.

On the tenth anniversary of the church, the congregation gave Ralph a trip to the Bible lands. He was gone for six weeks. This trip was a highlight of his life and ministry. This trip must have really started something, because Ralph has not stopped traveling since. If you can pronounce it, Ralph has probably been there. He does not travel alone. There is always a group with him. When Ralph is traveling, it is non-stop most of the day from early morning to late at night. I have been with Ralph to a few select places like Mexico, Hawaii (about five times), London and a few other places. His seniors groups travel often with Ralph and Julie.

Fifty years of ministry is a bit of history

In 1968, the native land called once more and back to California the family journeyed. Ralph took the pastorate at Community Grace Brethren Church in Long Beach where he pastored for ten years. He also taught at the Brethren High School during this period. In 1968, one of the highest honors the National Fellowship can bestow was granted as he headed the National Conference in Estes Park, Colorado.

In 1958, Ralph was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. He continued to serve in this capacity and in 1964 was elected Chairman of the Board. He has served in many offices on the District and National level. An example of this is National Ministerium where he has served as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer. Currently he serves as the first Executive Secretary and handles the death benefits and publishes a newsletter 6 times a year. In 1978 he joined the staff of the North Long Beach Church as Associate Pastor working with senior citizens. He visits the shut-ins, those sick at home



and in hospitals, and coordinates the missions program. When this church merged with Grace Community Church of Los Alamitos, he continued in the same capacity. You might just bump into Ralph and Julie and the seniors in travel. They really get around.

Fifty years of ministry is a bit of history. Asked about retirement, Ralph has a ready smile and a good answer. "Right now, I'm having too much fun to retire," he said. "As long as the Lord gives me health and strength and the ability to be productive, I want to continue to serve Him full time."

From his first pastorate in June 1939 at Naples, California to August, 1989, it has been 50 years. Thanks, Ralph for fifty years of service. When I get rested up I think I will catch another trip with you. How about Spain?

When you meet Ralph Colburn at this year's National Conference, congratulate him!

If you do not attend conference, and your life has been touched by his ministry, drop him a card! His address:

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Do the Work of an Evangelist!

by Ron E. Thompson

The word for evangelist is only found three times in the New Testament. Philip, a deacon in the Jerusalem church, is called an evangelist. It was he who led the Ethiopian eunuch to Christ and ministered in Samaria and the coastal plain (Acts 21:8). Ephesians 4:11 lists the evangelist as a gifted person to the local church. Whether the evangelist is just another term for today's modern missionary is debatable, but there can be little doubt that the evangelist was a proclaimer of the Gospel, one who was able to share Christ with others, and do it with great success. In II Timothy 4:5 Paul challenges young Timothy to "do the work of an evangelist." Every Christian can and ought to be engaged in evangelism, sharing the good news of the Gospel. When God saves us He gives us the ability to tell others what He has done for us and how He has shown mercy on us. We are in love with Christ and we want the whole world to know! When we do everything possible so that people hear the Gospel we are said to be evangelizing. While we may not be as efficient or as organized as the gifted evangelist, we can still do the work of an evangelist.

Every Christian can and ought to be engaged in evangelism, sharing the good news of the Gospel.

Much evangelism today centers around the professional communicator, or perhaps a crusade or a training seminar. In contrast to this, Jesus never taught His disciples a method for evangelism. His encounter with the demon-possessed man in Mark 5 merely illustrates the fact that every believer has the innate capability to share Christ successfully. The Church of the twentieth century does not need better technology and methodology as much as it needs to see Christians return to their "first love." Then they will have the irresistible desire to testify, and they will do it with joy and power like the man who had been demon-possessed.

The Supreme Evangelist, the Lord Jesus Christ, embodied this concept. He came unto His own, but

they received Him not. He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom and a message of repentance. He was anointed for that purpose (Luke 4:18). He talked with harlots, ate with outcasts, debated the intellectuals and blessed the little children. But despite it all, He was crucified for doing the work of an evangelist. Then there was Stephen, a deacon like Philip, who evangelized so compellingly in Jerusalem that people mobbed and murdered him. One stood by that execution who was unable to erase that martyr's radiant face and Christ-like prayer from his memory. Saul became Paul after his encounter with the Living Christ. He arose and began to do the work of an evangelist.

True evangelism is costly. The prophet said it was only as Zion travailed that she brought forth children (Isaiah 66:7). Paul went bound as a prisoner to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that would befall him, only remembering that the Spirit had said that bonds and affliction would await him in whatever city he went. But he said, "none of these things move me." It was that same attitude that moved John Knox to cry to God, "Give me Scotland, or I die."

The call of the hour, then, is for the right sort of evangelism . . . that which involves every member of the Body of Christ. When our hearts have been rekindled with love and devotion to Him, almost any method or program will work. After all, they are only tools to assist a heart attitude of prayer and a warm relationship to the Savior we love and want to obey. Isaiah's commission came only after he had caught a glimpse of the presence, power, and sovereignty of "the Lord high and lifted up" (Isaiah 6:1). Only out of a passionate heart for the Savior can we do the work of an evangelist.



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WHAT ABOUT CREMATION?

A Christian Perspective

by Dr. John J. Davis

Is it ever right for the believer to incinerate the remains of the human body in preparation for burial?

This question and many more are topics of common conversation these days due largely to the rising costs of traditional interment and the increased popularity of cremation in the United States.

In 1975 only 7 percent of individuals were cremated for burial in the U.S., but by 1985 that number had risen to 15 percent with the prospect of more than 24 percent utilizing this method by the year 2000.

California (38% in 1988) and Florida (33% in 1988) are the states where cremation is most commonly practiced. These states, with their large populations of retired people on fixed incomes, have exhibited the most dramatic increases in the practice of cremation.

That change is occurring in the utilization of this practice is evidenced by an important Vatican Instruction in 1963 that removed the penalties which had been placed on Roman Catholics who were cremated. The change was brought about because

the reasons individuals used for cremation were space utilization, economics, war and hygiene -- none of which were focused on denying the doctrines of the church.

The growing acceptance of cremation is also illustrated by the increased numbers of "memorial gardens" in church cemeteries for the deposit of cremains (the term commonly employed to describe the resultant ash remains of the cremation).

Add to this the fact that evangelicals are adopting this practice and do not feel that it is out of harmony with their biblical faith. Noted Bible teacher and expositor, G. Campbell Morgan favored cremation. "As to cremation there is certainly nothing in Scripture to forbid it. We need to remember that cremation is the hastening of the process that would take time through burial. Personally, I am in favor of cremation, and it does not invalidate any biblical view of personality."¹

¹ Jill Morgan, ed. *This Was His Faith* (New York: Revell, 1952), pp. 253-54.

Biblical Perspectives

Can the Christian really say that cremation is in harmony with the truths of Scripture or that it best symbolizes the faith of the believer?

What about the fact that incineration of the human body was often related to human sacrifice (Judges 11:30-40; 2 Kings 3:27; 16:3; 21:6), special punishment of criminals (Lev. 20:14; 21:9 cf. Gen. 38:24; Lev. 10:1-2; Josh. 7:15,25) and the desecration of altars (cf. 1 Kings 13:1-2; 2 Kings 23:15-18)?

Jesus and his followers were buried by interment and this was the long-standing practice of the Hebrews. The Church Fathers argued that the human body was the creation of God and to burn it was to desecrate God's work.

It is clear from the above that the history of cremation does not provide a positive context for the practice, especially in light of the fact that it has frequently been chosen by the enemies of the church (atheists, humanists, etc.) as a means of denying life after death or any hope of resurrection.

Cremation is growing in popularity, is economical, will not deter resurrection of the dead and is being adopted by many Christians, but is it right or theologically proper?

There is little doubt that cremation is a less expensive alternative to interment, but is it proper for the Christian? To answer this question, one must turn to the Bible for light on this very delicate topic.

Some Hebrews Cremated

While cremation of the dead is not dealt with in a direct or doctrinal manner in Scripture, there is evidence that some Hebrews were cremated and for legitimate reasons.

Saul and his sons were cremated after they were killed in the battle with the Philistines at Mt. Gilboa (1 Sam. 31:1-10) apparently for hygienic protection. Their bodies were in an advanced state of decay when they were recovered by the men of Jabesh-Gilead.

The bones of the king of Edom were cremated which brought a strong condemnation from God (Amos 2:1), and ten individuals who had apparently died as a result of war or plague, were also cremated, but without condemnation (Amos 6:9-10). There is no reference to cremation in the New Testament.

But what does all this mean? Is cremation in itself an evil act? Are there circumstances in which the Christian might choose cremation? What if civil law would require it where space for full interment is not available such as in parts of Japan? Isn't it possible

for inhumation of the body to become pagan in its outlook much like the Egyptian practice of a very elaborate preparation of the body for death?

Honest appraisal of the Biblical material will quickly reveal that there is no direct doctrinal treatment of burial traditions. Christian notions of proper burial practices, therefore, will need to be established by each individual on the basis of example, analogy and symbolism.

With the average funeral costing more than \$4500 in the United States as compared to burial by cremation (\$400 to \$700), the wide geographic separation of families in a highly mobile society and the trend toward shorter, less elaborate funerals, Christians will be examining the cremation alternative more closely in the coming years.

It is interesting that in England 60 percent of all burials are now by cremation and that all bodies interred in Westminster Abbey have been cremated, including those of the last two Archbishops of Canterbury.

The Real Issue

It is clear that cremation is growing in popularity, is economical, will not deter resurrection of the dead and is being adopted by many Christians, but is it right or theologically proper?

To answer this question, I began a careful study of the issue five years ago that focused on the archaeological history of cremation, modern practices around the world, the Biblical data and their implications for Christian perspective, as well as arguments for and against the practice.

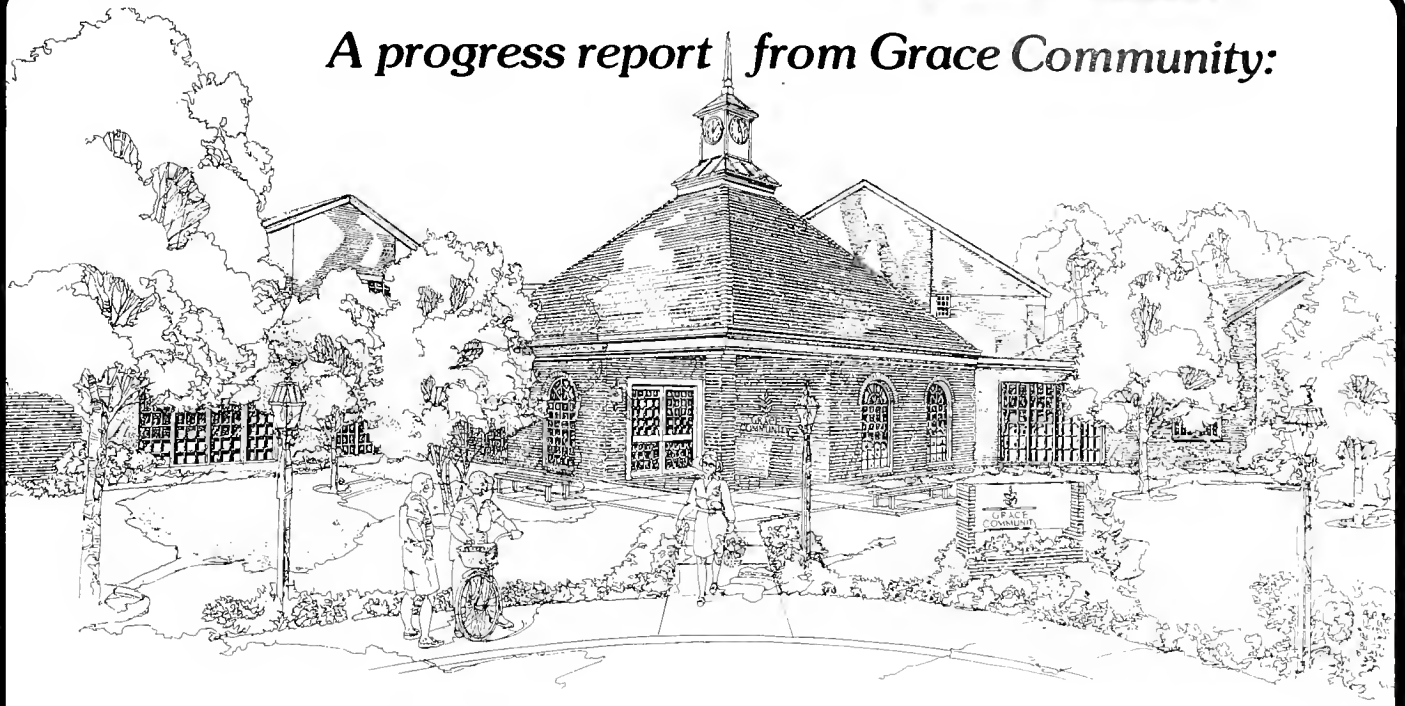
This study also engaged in a careful and sensitive reappraisal of modern Christian funeral practices with some recommended changes. All this work is now available in book form with a generous number of photographs.

What About Cremation? A Christian Perspective (published by BMH Books, 1989) is a book that is practical, interesting and informative. The purpose of this new volume is to answer the nagging question as to whether it is ever right for the believer to incinerate the remains of the human body in preparation for burial.

It is written in a non-sensational, dispassionate manner and will prove helpful in planning the kind of funerals that will reflect God-honoring simplicity, dignity and economy.

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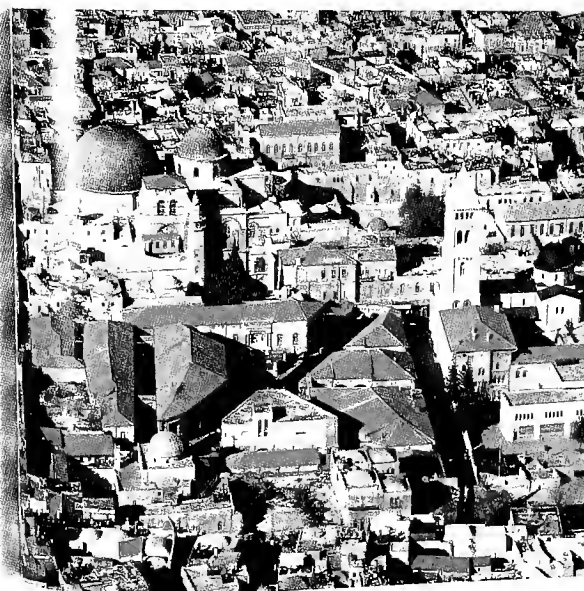
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Wanda Klingler

"She being dead yet speaketh"

WMC Editor's Note: Wanda was the beloved wife of Pastor Gene Klingler, Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio. She went to be with the Lord on February 10, 1989 after a long battle with cancer. The introductory remarks have been written by Mrs. Dorothy Beaver. Following is the June 1989 WMC Bible Devotional which was written by Wanda Klingler. For information concerning WMC program packets write to: WMC 1205 Park Ave., Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Those who knew her would describe her as a sweet, gentle, quiet, caring person who loved, and earnestly served her Lord and the sheep of the flocks she and her husband cared for.

A mother of junior aged children said she had such an impact on the lives of the children. She told them honestly of how fear had gripped her heart when she first learned she had cancer and then how God had removed the fear and replace it with His gentle loving assurances.

She was His child.

He has all power, all knowledge and He is all love.

Her body had been given to Him. (Rom. 12:1).

He would do what was best for her and most for His glory. (Rom. 8:28,29)

Truly He gave her His peace which

surpasses all human understanding.

In Jake Kliever's hospital room on the bulletin board by his bed is this precious reminder:

What cancer cannot do:

It cannot cripple love

It cannot shatter hope

It cannot corrode faith

It cannot eat away peace

It cannot destroy confidence

It cannot kill friendship

It cannot shut out memories

It cannot silence courage

It cannot invade the soul

It cannot quench the Spirit

It cannot lessen the power of the resurrection!

Wanda found all the above to be true. So can you!

Submission

by Mrs. Gene (Wanda) Klingler

Slavery is a word that strikes fear into the hearts. What is it like to be a slave? I have never had slavery forced upon me; all I know is what I have read. How I would handle my circumstances would no doubt depend on the person or persons over me. Would I trust God to work in my life for His glory through others? Would you? We are called daily to be willing slaves for Christ. This is not bondage but servanthood (Ephesians 6:6; Romans 6:18, 22; 1 Peter 2:16; Romans 8:15). We are to submit to various people who are in authority over us. This is a hard teaching. It is humbling. It is learning by a daily trusting of God for everything in our lives. I believe we will always be learning and growing in this vital area. God encourages us to not be discouraged or disheartened by failure or hard things, but to trust Him and obey His Word daily.

In Jeremiah 29, we read a letter God had Jeremiah write to his people. It informs us that these people were where God had placed them;

they were in exile in Babylon. Their situation did not look good, but God had plans for them. As a nation, they had been rebellious and stiffnecked; yet I am sure there were some individuals who were obedient to God. But they were a part of his people, and God had things for them to learn through this testing (Deuteronomy 8; 1 Peter 5:10). He knew what He was doing and He had put them in Babylon.

Consider who we are: We are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). We are made a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor (Psalm 8:5). We are known by God (Psalm 139). If you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior from sin, you are cleansed from your sins. You are a daughter of The King! You have been adopted into the Royal Family and you have a perfect Father who loves, comforts, chastens, disciplines, and provides for you (Galatians 3:26-4:7; Romans 8:15-17). It is good to belong to

God's family. It is good to rest secure in His love and care, knowing that He is the sovereign God. Our trusting and obeying bring Him honor and glory. When we are unbelieving and disobedient, we dishonor our heavenly Father.

If Peter 1:9 teaches that we sometimes forget we have been cleansed from our past sins. We are un-mindful of God's goodness and love. We fail to be thankful. I came across a poem about a person who had trouble remembering. It ends with these lines:

"I stood beside the mailbox with a face sorely red. Instead of mailing you my letter, I had opened it instead."

Perhaps you have never had your mind slip that much, but you have probably done your share of forgetting. God often told His people to remember, and He told them to do certain things that they might have their memories refreshed. Some things that remind us we are God's children are spending time each day in the Word of God and prayer, being faithful in taking communion, and meeting regularly with other believers.

Once we are God's children, we are to begin growing up in Christ. To do this gracefully we need to submit willingly to Him. **SUBMISSION!** What a beautiful word! With it comes God's grace, peace, contentment, love, joy, rest, comfort, purpose and productivity. There is more that could be included in this list. Surely this is the reason our heavenly Father desires that we submit to Him. We are also to submit to others in the family (Eph. 6:1-3; 5:22-24; 5:21), government (Rom. 13:1,6,7), church (Heb. 13:17), and business (Col. 3:22-24).

Will we allow God to lead us through others who are in authority over us? Will we be willing to "rank under"? God says, *"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jer. 29:11) Is that not enough for us? Consider who God is: the Creator (Gen. 1:1); the King of kings and the Lord of lords (Rev. 17:14); Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6). **AND MUCH, MUCH, MORE!**

Oh yes, He is more than able to direct our lives. It is not allowing God to lead us that causes us to arch our backs, complain or draw back. It is the "others" He uses that give us problems. They may be sinners saved by God's grace, like us; or perhaps they are not even Christians. How can God possibly lead through them? If the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord (Prov. 21:1), if He knows every hair on your head (Matt. 10:30), and if He can command the elements of nature (Luke 8:22-25), without a doubt He can direct the heart of that one over you. **TRUST HIM!** We say, "But those people are not God. They make mistakes and bad judgments. They sin. If I submit, just look at the mess I may be in!" Many of the "messes" we are in are of our own making. We are there because we have been or are being fearful, rebellious, unbelieving, bitter, disobedient, proud, self-willed and self-loving. Please don't blame

God. Be honest. The thing to do is confess the sin or sins, repent of them (turn from them, no excuses!), accept God's forgiveness and move on in obedience (1 John 1:9; Psa. 32:5; Prov. 28:13). This is humbling. Do not miss God's blessings because of pride.

When we submit, we find ourselves in a place where God can teach us some wonderful truths about Himself. Some of these are:

God's grace is sufficient for us (II Cor. 12:9). We can trust and not be afraid (Isa. 12:2). Our love for God is shown by our obedience to Him (John 14:15). We can learn to die to self (Gal. 2:20). We can develop a meek and quiet spirit (I Pet. 3:4).

"Meekness is the opposite to self-assertiveness and self-interest; it is equanimity (evenness of mind; calm temper) of spirit that is neither elated nor cast down, simple because it is not occupied with self at all."

-- W. E. Vine

Search the Scriptures. Do not be led captive by the world's philosophies. God gives wisdom (James 1:5-8; 3:17-18). Listen and obey Him.

What keeps a child from having a proper relationship with her father? As I look at myself and talk with others, I find the culprits are a rebellious and stubborn spirit, pride, lack of communication, being too busy with one's own desires, lack of love, resentment, bitterness, being unforgiving, fear, anger -- **ALL SIN!**

Does submission mean to be passive with no ideas, no personality of your own? We know it does not. Look at the life of Christ, our example. Examine the lives of Sarah, Mary (the mother of Jesus), Elizabeth (John's mother). These were all strong people with faith in a powerful God. They submitted to God and to others. Remember, God does not lie. Satan is the father of lies. Listen to God and obey His Word.

Keep looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of your faith (Heb. 12:2). God has begun a good work in you. Submit to Him as He brings it to completion. He knows all about you. **He loves you.** (Phil. 1:6; II Tim. 1:12; 1 John 4:10; Phil 2:12,13; Rom. 8:28).

Happy Birthday WMC!



WMC Offering

4th Quarter -- June-July-August
WMC Operating Expenses

National Goal: \$8,000

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NEWS & Views

August 1989

Training and Encouraging Church Leadership . . .

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TIME For The Future

Rich and Kathy Harrell ... Dan Ramsey ... Dave and Sue Griffith ... Tom and Sue Peters ... Kent and Becky Good ... Dan Green ... Tom Sharp ... The list goes on and on. Do you know what all these FGBC missionaries have in common? These field workers were all participants of a training program operated by GBC Christian Education known as TIME - Training In Missionary Endeavor. TIME is designed to give prospective Christian career workers exposure to evangelizing and ministering cross-culturally and planting a seed of vision which will build the future of Christian career workers in the FGBC. TIME has been producing a future for Grace Brethren ministries and over 700 persons have participated in the program.

"When people are taught to swim, you do not teach them in a classroom, but take them to the water." These were the words of Chery Otermat, as-

sistant director of TIME ministries at GBC Christian Education, in regards to the recent orientation for the 1989 TIME program. She added that it was an "absolutely dynamic time." The 45 participants in the program were in Chicago from June 1 - 6 for a "TIME" of concentrated spiritual and practical preparation. Inner City Impact of Chicago complemented the orientation by CE through providing ministry opportunities and housing at Chicago Gospel Center. The participants spent time in classroom training as well as hands-on experience. In the classroom, they learned field specifics such as cultural differences and strategies. The TIMEers then worked as teams with those with whom they would be ministering on the field; they did door-to-door surveys, shared their faith, and completed work projects. "It was so encouraging to see the participants grow from day to day," Chery said. "They were learning that people from all walks of life everywhere need Jesus Christ!" Featured speakers for the orientation were Jay Bell, missions pastor at Long Beach (CA) GBC, as well as Ed Lewis and Tom Julien. The speakers encouraged the TIME workers to keep their burden for the lost and continually strengthen their vision for evangelism.

This year's TIME fields are Dryhill, Kentucky, inner-city Philadel-



Chery Otermat, Assistant Director of TIME Ministries

phia, the Navajo Mission, the Philippines, Brazil, Safari of Hope in Africa, and Euro-Missions Institute (Germany, Spain, France, England and Portugal). These missions-minded persons will spend approximately 4 to 6 weeks helping, serving, and learning from the missionaries. TIME will enable them to catch a glimpse of what our great God is doing around the world. They will gain experience of missionary life and gain a better understanding of God's leading in missions. First hand, they will see that the "gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

TIME is helping to build the future of FGBC foreign missionaries, home missionaries, or Christian career workers because it is producing a life-changing perspective for ministry. As one EMI participant said after orientation, "I haven't even left for Europe yet and my life has already changed because my perspective has changed." Which of these TIME participants will be added to the list of full-time pastors or missionaries with Grace Brethren Foreign or Home Missions?



*Coreen Tischer,
Safari of Hope Participant*

News

OPERATION BARNABAS 1988 and 1989!

Operation Barnabas 1989 is under way with 88 persons (including leaders) making up 44 people on each youth ministry team. After a week of orientation in Worthington, Ohio, the teams headed for sunny Florida or remained in Ohio and the surrounding states. The teams are ministering to our Grace Brethren churches through puppets, song, drama, mime, preaching, and manual labor. In addition to these, both teams are involved in outreach. At the end of their time of service, the teams will meet in Winona Lake to present the exciting finale of National Conference. They will then travel to Eastern Kentucky University for BNYC.

This year's Operation Barnabas teams have benefited from the three D's: Dave, Dale, and Dale. Dave Knepper, his brother Dale, and his father Dale, senior, have donated hours and hours of service (and money) to equip both Barnabas teams with adequate transportation for the summer-- a bus and van for each team. All three

Knepper families are members of the York, Pennsylvania, GBC and have continued to have a heart for youth ministries. Ed Lewis, speaking for the OB leaders, said, "I don't know what we would do without them. We just praise God for their ministry spirit."

National Church Leadership Seminar

Thursday, August 3, of National Conference has been a day designated to develop and encourage leadership within the FGBC. Those attending the Adult Conference may have a difficult time choosing from over 40 workshop options offered. Seminars fall into three areas ... Implementing Our Commitment To Our Lord, Implementing Our Commitment To Our Church, and Implementing Our Commitment To Our World. Dr. Kenneth Gangel will be the featured speaker. Dr. Gangel is the Department Chairman and Professor of Christian Education at Dallas Theological Seminary. He is a noted author and speaker. In charge of music and leading seminars will be Darrell Cummings. He has been the Pastor of Music Ministries at Big Valley Grace Community Church in Modesto, California, for the past 12 years. This special day planned by CE will not be one to miss!

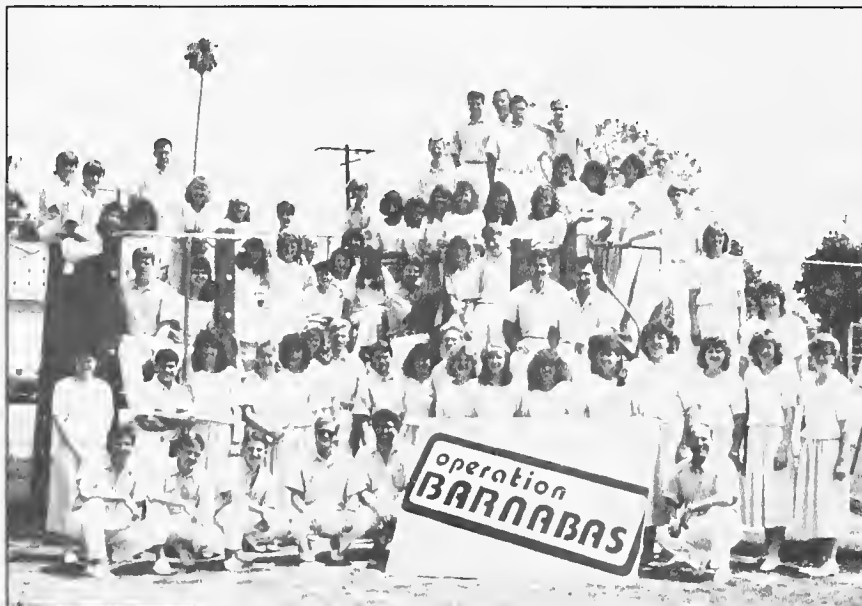
Youth Conference to Set the Pace For Outreach



Soon nearly 2,000 young people will converge on Eastern Kentucky University for a week of intense spiritual challenge and fellowship. Prayers are critical to the success of this event. The focus of Brethren National Youth Conference is to encourage spiritual growth among Christian young people by encouraging them to "set the pace" in outreach. The dates of the Youth Conference are August 5 - 11. Wednesday will be the "BLITZ"-- a time for youth to saturate the community with work projects and evangelism. Notebooks will be provided for each BNYC participant to keep records of BNYC and help them with resources in evangelism and discipleship. 1989-90 is designated as the YEAR OF YOUTH OUTREACH. Ed Underwood, Associate BNYC Director, asks that you "pray that God will burden young people to spread the goods news of Christ to everyone they know and everywhere they go."

Easy Readers

Recently some new literature was completed for purchase from CE. Three new "Readables" on marriage, the Bible, and who are Grace Brethren People are now available. In addition to these are new materials for the Year of Youth Outreach, SMM books, the newly-revised rule books for NAC and Bible Quizzing, and a revised edition of the Candidating Survival Kit for churches seeking pastors.



1988 Operation Barnabas

Ministry Tips

Family Evangelism

Have you ever witnessed the baptism of a whole family? What a thrill! Mom, dad and their children were invited to the home of a neighbor for a weekly time of fellowship, dessert, and evangelistic Bible study. In the course of time, with love and gentleness, the gospel of Christ was presented, and every member of the family accepted His gift of salvation. What a joyful transformation!

Each family in your church should be encouraged to start having "family evangelism"--mom and dad, teens and toddlers, all working and praying together to share Christ and Christian love with other families. Not only will they see another family come to Christ, but they will also be bound together and will have developed a closer relationship with this new Christian family.

"But how can we have family evangelism when we are so busy in church ministry?" The church and the home must always be complementary to one another, never in competition. First, make family evangelism informal--not a regimented project. Second, encourage all church ministries to be family oriented. Did dad meet an inmate in a prison ministry whose family lives nearby? How can mom and the kids demonstrate Christ's love to that inmate's family? Your teenager took a friend to a youth rally. Look for an opportunity for both families to meet. While mom was on visitation she witnessed to a gal who is trying to raise her teenage son alone. Dad and the teens might have an open door ministry to the boy. The key is having a family mentality. As Ed Lewis wrote, "The

Christian home is one of God's strongest witnesses on earth, and parents must understand that they set the example for other families." Here are some suggestions for developing a family mentality in your church and encouraging family evangelism:

1. Ask the pastor to have sermons at least annually on the responsibilities of parents and children. Having a Family Life Seminar with guest speakers may be of great value.
2. Offer an ABF (Adult Bible Fellowship) elective annually for parents. Consider these topics:
 - Using our home to witness to neighbors.
 - Opportunities for families to volunteer in our community.
 - Starting a home Bible study which includes both adults and children.
3. Purchase and promote church library books which help parents in family devotions and home education.
4. Teach and encourage the role of parents to the youth.
5. Encourage family-type activities for the home. A list of area recreational activities, programs, and good games to play at home could be helpful. Encourage them to invite non-believing families to join in these activities.
6. Encourage family devotions. Distribution of daily Bible reading lists and prayer suggestions for the family would help. Have devotional suggestions and materials available on literature tables.
7. Help dads develop their leadership at home. Build his confidence through using him in discussion and learning activities. A good men's group that emphasizes and does ministry is beneficial.
8. Encourage families to spend at least one night weekly doing things together. Encourage family devotions.
9. Sponsor occasional weekend family camps that build family unity. These could be focused on spiritual growth or could have evangelistic opportunities to invite non-believers.
10. Encourage families to spend more time together by scheduling multiple church activities on the same night. Have the "Family Night" at church with popcorn and a film or picnic with outdoor games. This could also be an evangelistic opportunity.
11. Consider experimenting with family Sunday school classes where all study together.
12. Remember youth need their own peer group. A decrease in youth functions does not necessarily increase the effectiveness of the home. Regularly have the youth groups include parents in projects or activities. Quizzing, puppetry, drama, music are examples of youth activities which allow opportunities for parents to help, participate, and observe their children's accomplishments.



News

CE STAFF CHANGES

Recently Lisa (Tyre) Patton joined CE staff as Administrative Assistant to Ed Lewis. Also joining CE was Rhonda Raber, Production Coordinator. Much thanks goes to Steve Broyles who ended his service at CE to move and begin a career in South Carolina. On May 31, CE gave a warm farewell to Brad Skiles who has ministered very effectively at CE for over 6 years. He has accepted employment in the area of financial



Lisa Patton



Rhonda Raber



Brad Skiles

management and wants to be "salt and light" in a secular environment. CE expresses thanks for the impact of his life and wishes him well in this new endeavor.

RECENT RESPONSES TO CE MINISTRIES

"Your training in 'we love everything' (a popular statement at TIME orientation) has already paid off. Our time has been incredible. We literally saturated the KLM flight with the gospel and met many people. I sat next to a Nigerian lady who said she was a Christian, and now we are pen-pals. Our orientation has proved to be great preparation. The missionaries have commented on how bonded we are as a team. We have you and CE to be very grateful to. I know how much work it was, and that time has meant so much to me."

1989 EMier

"Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a great week. Things are working out well in Philly. The girls are doing 5-day clubs this week and things are great! We have had nine children pray to receive Christ. Thanks again."

A leader of the Philadelphia, PA inner-city TIME ministry

"We love SMM here in Martinsburg and appreciate all your work to keep our ministry a valid part of girl's lives... Will we be able to order new materials soon? I can hardly wait to see them."

West Penn District SMM Leader

"How can we say thanks for your input into our son's life. We have noticed a big change in his attitude and the way he responds to us. He said that God really convicted him about his relationship with his parents. Here's one parent who wants you to come back again next year to the district youth conference."

A Parent (encouraged by EJ Underwood's ministry)



MEMO

TO: Friends of CE
FROM: Ed Lewis

Please pray for CE ministries as we are in our busiest time. TIME workers are now serving. Operation Barnabas members are being trained in ministries. The office staff is preparing for the National Church Leadership Seminar, Brethren National Youth Conference, Twenties, and the Year of Youth Outreach. Also, pray for the churches of the FGBC as our burden is to help them in their leadership development ministries such as Sunday schools, ABF's (Adult Bible Fellowships), youth groups, children's ministries, etc.

CE would appreciate your prayers as we continue to seek God's answers relating to financial needs. We continue to face financial pressures. At the present time, we are over \$30,000 below budget needs.

As a thank you for your financial support for one time gifts of \$25 or more, one of two books is available to you. Hope for Hurting Relationships has been recommended by Mitch Picard, Children's Pastor at Lititz, PA. Jeff Carroll, Pastor of the Maumee Valley (Toledo), Ohio GBC says the book, Bringing Out the Best in People has been an excellent resource for him as a church leader. Please indicate your desire for one of these books with your gift.

Without the love and support of you, our friends, we would not be able to encourage and assist present leaders or impact the lives of future church leaders. Thanks for teaming up with CE in impacting this world through local churches.



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Planning for Church-Planting

A Report from the Director

by Larry N. Chamberlain

Then David gave to his son Solomon the plan of the porch of the temple, its buildings, its storehouses, its upper rooms, its inner rooms, and the room for the mercy seat; and the plan of all that he had in mind . . . "All this," said David, "the Lord made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, all the details of this pattern."

(1 Chronicles 28:11, 12, 19)

David's dream was to build a temple for his God. He expressed to Nathan the prophet his sorrow over the contrast between his own house and God's. "Behold, I am dwelling in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under curtains."

Although God chose David's son, Solomon, to build the temple, David was privileged to receive from God the extensive details of the plan, described in 2 Chronicles 3 and 4. And what a plan it was!

Today, God has commissioned us for a far more important, far more beautiful building program, the building of the glorious Church of Jesus Christ. It is imperative that we approach this responsibility by seeking His direction through prayer and by careful, deliberate planning.

The purpose of Grace Brethren Home Missions is to glorify God by facilitating the Great Commission church-planting ministries of Grace Brethren Churches in North America.

The executive staff of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council met for three days this spring to do just that . . . to pray for God's guidance and to prepare a comprehensive strategy for our church-planting ministries. I am pleased to share with you some of the plans developed during those three days together.

We first discussed our basic purpose as an organization, what it is we are trying to accomplish. As a result, we adopted a mission statement which expresses the specific purpose of Grace

Brethren Home Missions: ***To glorify God by facilitating the Great Commission church-planting ministries of Grace Brethren Churches in North America.***

Our focus is upward and outward, not inward. We see ourselves as a service organization to the Fellowship. In submission to the authority of God all of our efforts are directed for His glory and the extension of His Church.

To facilitate means "to make easier." Through our various ministries and the pooling of nationwide financial resources, we can make the very difficult task of church-planting much easier for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

We next discussed the various external threats and opportunities facing our ministry as well as our internal strengths and weaknesses. This process served to identify those areas which need attention in our strategic plan. Taking off the organizational "blindness," we listed a total of sixty items and ranked them as to the magnitude of their significance.

After that, we prepared a set of objectives and sub-objectives, building upon our mission statement. We grouped these objectives under four general headings: partnership, people, provision, and promotion.

Partnership

1. Project a vision and strategy for local church district/Home Mission partnership for church-planting.
2. Cooperate with and complement the ministries of the FGBC national organizations.

People

1. Recruit and develop qualified personnel for church-planting and related ministries.



2. Provide quality oversight for church-planters and missions personnel.
3. Enrich the spiritual lives of all Home Missions personnel.

Provision

1. Encourage donor contributions equal to the ministry opportunities.
2. Enlarge the resources for church mortgage financing through the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation.
3. Enlist prayer support for church-planting ministries.

Promotion

1. Promote church-planting activities in the FGBC with maximum visibility.
2. Develop programs and media for specific target audiences among our supporting constituency.

The above outline represents the major objectives which we hope to accomplish to fulfill our mission purpose. The sub-points, or the "how-to's," total seventy-five in the final draft of our strategic plan.

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Prayer is an important part of any planning process and we spent considerable time in prayer during our three days together, seeking wisdom from God and His direction in all of our planning. We were encouraged by Solomon's prayer of dedication following the building of the temple:

But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain Thee: how much less this house which I have built. Yet have regard to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prays before Thee.

(2 Chronicles 6:18-19)

Our prayer is that God will be pleased to bless our plans for our cooperative effort in building His glorious Church in the United States of America.

After twelve years on the staff of Grace Brethren Home Missions, the last four as Assistant Executive Director, Larry N. Chamberlain assumed the responsibilities of Executive Director July 1. He is also the moderator of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church and treasurer of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.



Grace Brethren Home Missions Council Executive Staff

To acquaint you with the organization of the home office, here are the men who serve in the administration of your Home Missions program. Each is committed to the church-planting ministry of our Fellowship and is available to serve you when you call. At some later date, we'll introduce you to the entire staff.

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Director of Administration

Rev. Jesse B. Deloe

Director of Grace Brethren Investment Foundation

James W. Johnson

Director of Finance and Information Systems

Allan Bowman

Director of Church Planting and Development, East and South

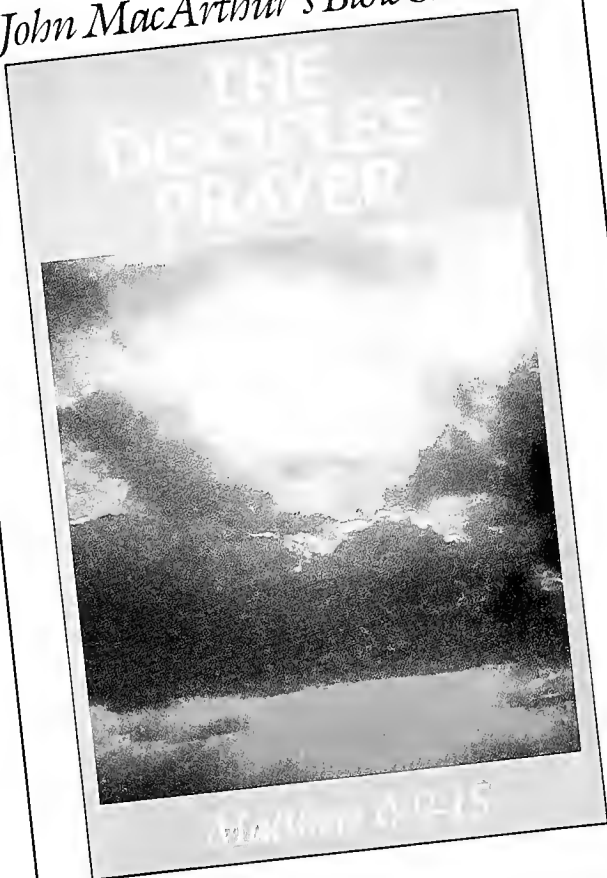
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John MacArthur's Bible Studies



The Disciples' Prayer

The Brethren Adult series for September, October and November will feature this in-depth study of Matthew 6:9-15.

If we are to experience the fullness of communion with God and the richness of His blessing, we must know how to pray. The marvelous pattern set by the disciples' prayer in Matthew 6:9-15 will teach us that. *The Disciples' Prayer* is a careful look at what is usually called the Lord's Prayer.

There is much we can learn from the Disciple's Prayer. Doing a study on it is a life-changing experience; it will impact a person's prayer life in the same way that the Beatitudes affect a person's commitment and consecration.

The price of the study guide is \$5.95. (Individual orders will also be accepted at \$5.95 plus \$1.00 postage and handling.)

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. pastors Grace Community Church of the Valley in Panorama City, California. His Bible teaching and tape ministries reach millions across the globe. He is the author of many books including the popular *MacArthur New Testament Commentary*.

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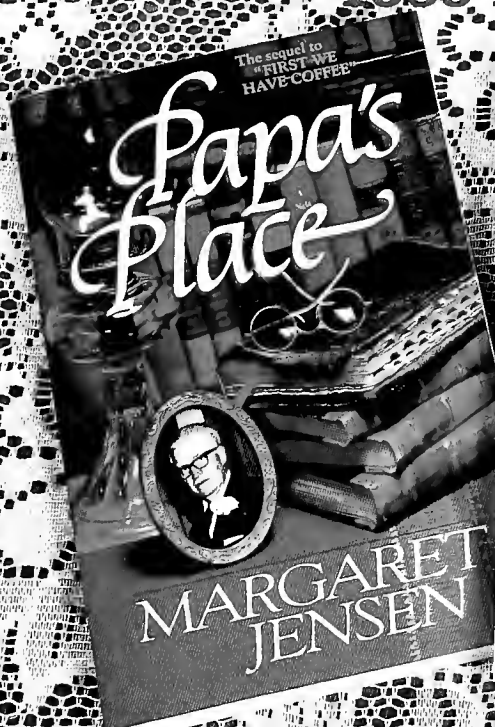
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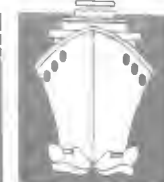
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Grace News

V.I.P. Day

Grace College's annual "V.I.P. Day" is scheduled this year for October 13.

V.I.P. Day is for prospective Grace College students and their parents who wish to visit the Grace campus, meet professors and students, and inquire about admissions and financial aid.

A brochure about V.I.P. Day activities is being sent to all high school juniors and seniors who have contacted the college, as well as to high schools and church youth groups. If you would like a copy of the brochure, call Cherie Lamborn at 1-800-54-GRACE (U.S.) or 1-800-845-2930 (in Indiana).

The Grace Homecoming weekend begins Friday evening, October 13. This is an ideal time for alumni to come a day early and bring high school students they know who may be interested in finding out more about Grace College, experiencing the campus atmosphere, and enjoying the Homecoming festivities.

Grace Gift Annuities Provide Continuing Income for You

One charitable giving option many people are not aware of is gift annuities -- a way to be a donor to Grace College and Theological Seminary while continuing to receive a guaranteed income from your gift.

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Following are some frequently asked questions about gift annuities. If you are interested in learning more about gift annuities with no obligation, just fill out the form on page 27 and mail it to the address provided.

How does an annuity work?

The best answer is an example: Mrs. Jones, a 76-year-old widow, invests in a \$10,000 Gift Annuity and receives an 8.7 percent rate of return. She receives a guaranteed income for life of \$870.00 per year, of which \$477.63 is taxable, and \$392.37 is tax-free. In addition, she would receive a \$5,404.31 charitable contribution deduction.

How will an annuity affect the taxes I pay?

That depends on several factors: however, most people find that it lowers their income tax liability because they are able to deduct a large portion of their gift from their taxes in the year they make the purchase. Furthermore, a large portion of each annuity payment is tax-free. And when a gift annuity is purchased with long-term appreciated property, capital gains tax is reduced, and the reporting of such gains is spread out over the life expectancy.

What kinds of annuities are there?

There are two basic types of gift annuities, both of which offer a guaranteed income for life:

A **single-life annuity** covers one life and terminates when the annuitant dies.

A **two-life annuity** includes two individuals who receive the annuity income jointly. Upon the death of the first, the survivor continues to receive the income for the rest of his or her life.

Do annuity payments to me begin immediately?

Your regular annuity payments can be scheduled to begin immediately, or you can defer the receipt of your first payment, depending on your age. Many people who are 60 years of age or older choose to begin receiving their regular annuity payments shortly after they start the gift annuity. Younger annuitants often choose to schedule their first payment to take place after they reach the age of 60.

How long does an investment in a gift annuity last?

A one-life annuity expires upon your death. A two-life annuity expires when the last named beneficiary dies.

Is my gift annuity revocable?

No. Because of the immediate tax benefits you receive from purchasing a gift annuity, you may not withdraw your funds. Purchasing a gift annuity is a complete transfer of funds or property from you to the charitable organization.

How much will I earn from my gift annuity?

That depends on your age when you purchase your gift annuity. Rates range from 6% to 14%.

These examples are based upon a gift annuity purchased on June 1, 1989. The numbers on the enclosed example may fluctuate based upon the timing of your gift.

If you would like further information on a Grace Gift Annuity, please clip and return the coupon on page 27. Or you can contact Chuck Rodriguez, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, while you are in Winona Lake for National Conference.

Have You Been On Campus Lately?

How long has it been since you visited the Grace campus?

If it has been more than a few weeks, you may be surprised -- and it's worth your time to walk or drive over to the campus to see what's going on there!

Work began this spring on several campus projects that are changing the way things look, including a new entrance to the campus and three "Friendship Courts" for students and visitors.

According to Andrew Galvin, Director of Development, the changes are part of the overall effort at the college and seminary to "enhance the living and learning environment for Grace students."

The first Friendship Court, near the entrance to the Dining Commons, has been completed. The additional two Friendship Courts will be built on the corner by Lancer Gymnasium and near the entrance to Morgan Library. These courts will be similar to the court near the Dining Commons, with bricked terraces, benches,



The first of three Friendship Courts has been completed on the Grace campus near the Dining Commons. The campus landscaping improvements were designed by and are being done under the supervision of Art Bushen (above), landscape architect who works for Grace.

plants, bushes, and additional landscaping.

Other campus improvements include new landscaping and a new sign at the corner of Wooster Road and Kings Highway, the rerouting of some campus roads, classroom renovations, and "home improvements" in the

residence halls.

Grace is seeking donor support for these projects. If you are interested in participating or would like information about funding a Friendship Court as a memorial to a loved one, please contact Galvin at the National Conference, or call him at 372-5292.



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What Is Grace Brethren Men and Boys?

Grace Brethren Men and Boys is a National Organization in our Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Its purpose is to assist the local church in seeking, training and motivating men to minister in and through the local church.

There are currently two aspects to this ministry. We have Grace Brethren Boys directed by Alan Channell which involves men ministering to Boys in the local church. Its twofold goal is to reach boys for Jesus Christ and then to disciple them -- training them to become mature Christian leaders who can, in turn, disciple others. There are 41 units with 567 boys and 196 men in our fellowship. Al is working diligently to build this ministry in our Fellowship of Churches.

There are two major National events which occur every other year in addition to weekly meetings in each local church which has a Boys' unit. This year was the High Adventure on the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania and next year

will be the Rendezvous. Through these, men seek to disciple boys for Jesus Christ.

We also have Grace Brethren Men. Recently Ed Jackson, former director of this organization, was asked by the Board of Directors to again assume the leadership of Grace Brethren Men to restructure the corporation and to give direction to the ministry. Ed is presently Eastern Director of Church Planting and Development for the Brethren Home Missions Council in Winona Lake and will be assisting the Grace Brethren Men's Organization on a volunteer basis while employed by Home Missions.

Presently the National Men's Organization is involved in the program of Yokefellow focusing on men ministering to Home and Foreign missionaries (Yokefellow I) and men ministering in missions building projects (Yokefellow II). We invite you as men to become a part of these ministries as you seek to faithfully serve the Lord in and through your local church.

Meet Our Men's Director

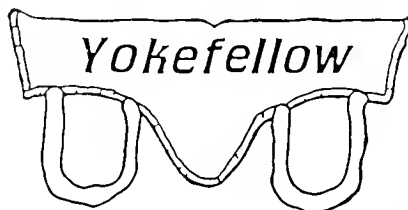


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FELLOWSHIP NEWS



Pastor Charles Ashman Retires

Pastor Charles Ashman retired June 30 after nearly 27 years as Senior Pastor of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church and 39 years in the pastorate.

Charles and Frances Ashman began their pastoral ministry at the Rittman, Ohio Grace Brethren Church in 1950. It was at Rittman that all three of their children, Ken, Judy and Karl were born.

The Ashman family moved to Phoenix, Arizona, in 1955, to take the pastorate at the Phoenix Grace Brethren Church. During their time there, they began the Phoenix Brethren Christian School, with Frances as the first teacher.

In the fall of 1962, Pastor Ashman accepted the call to become pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. The church was using Grace School's facilities for their meeting place at this time and it was under Pastor Ashman's leadership that a new church facility was completed in 1969. In 1983, the church purchased the Winona Lake School of Professional Photography property which gave additional space to the growing congregation. Since 1962, the membership has increased from 242 members to 732.

Pastor Ashman's retirement coincides with his wife's retirement on June 30, after 24 years with the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. Along with her husband, she has faithfully served at WLGB, most notably as Superintendent of the Toddler Department for over 26 years.

The Winona Lake church honored Pastor and Mrs. Ashman with an "Appreciation Sunday" on June 25. They were given a \$5000 love gift and an inscribed cut glass bowl. The day's activities included a communion service, the burning of the original mortgage, and a baptismal service. The family was also the honored guest at a noon luncheon, as well as two receptions during the day.

Pastor Ashman's retirement plans include the continuation of his teaching ministry at Grace Seminary and his work as Fellowship Coordinator for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. He will be available for Bible Conferences, pulpit supply, and special speaking engagements. He also plans to hold a "super garage sale" after cleaning the garage — an event his wife has been looking forward to for a long time!

The Ashmans will continue to live in the Winona Lake area.

Receives Doctor Of Ministry Degree

Luke E. Kauffman, Senior Pastor of the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida, on Friday, May 12, 1989. His thesis entitled, "Church Planting Principles and Policies That Produce," is a step-by-step guideline manual to assist pastors and Bible study groups in beginning new congregations both in North America and overseas.

Born in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, Dr. Kauffman attended and graduated from the Hershey Junior/Senior High School. He earned his B.A. degree in 1963 at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana, and the next year entered Grace Theological Seminary on the same campus from which he earned the Master of Divinity degree in 1966.



Dr. Kauffman's ministries span a lifetime of dedicated service from appointment as Chaplain in the Kosciusko County Jail, Warsaw, Indiana, during his years of pursuing higher education in that area (1961-1964), to nomination and election as Moderator of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (1981-1982). He served on the Board of Trustees of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company (1974-1977) and as Vice President of the PA Counseling Center (1970-1976), while giving first attention to this pastoral responsibilities at the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church (1969-present).

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Currently, Dr. Kauffman also serves as President of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., The Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, Inc., and as President of the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board of Grace Brethren Churches. In complement to his active leadership responsibilities, Dr. Kauffman has been honored by being listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 1963; by being elected President of the Student Body for the 1962-1963 academic year at Grace College; by being named Grace College 1979 Alumnus of the Year; by being listed in Who's Who in Religion, 1985; and most recently being listed in Who's Who in the East, 23rd Edition.

Dr. Kauffman founded Grace Christian School (pre-school through Grade 12) in 1974. Currently under construction on the church's campus is a retirement facility, Grace Community, for which Dr. Kauffman serves as one of the original Board members.

Dr. Kauffman and wife, Sandra, and three children, Kurt, Kent and Kristie, reside in Myerstown.

Historical Walking Tour

Chautauqua '89, a walking tour of historical buildings in Winona Lake, Indiana, will take place Saturday, September 16, 1989. All buildings will be open from 10:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m. Tickets for the event may be purchased that day at the Billy Sunday Home at a cost of \$3.00 per person. Among the homes open for inspection this year will be the former "Brethren Missionary Residence" on Fourth St., recently restored to its original condition.

The day's activities will conclude at 4:15 p.m. with a concert by the Grace Brass at the Hillside Chapel. The concert, led by Prof. Tim Zimmerman, will feature music made popular by Homer Rodeheaver and Billy Sunday during Winona's "golden years".

For further information, contact Janice Workman (219-269-3856) or Brent Wilcoxson (219-269-3302).

Kids In Space

LITITZ, PA. "The Greatest Vacation Bible School on Earth" came to Lititz and it was bigger and better than ever! "Kids in Space" took off from the Grace Brethren Church on Sunday, June 11, 1989.

Children who completed grades one through six, and preschoolers age three through kindergarten were invited to register at the annual "Count-Down Registration Fair" which began at 5 p.m. on June 11. Kids were invited to take a "Zip-Through-Space" ride or help "Dunk an Astronaut" as part of the registration fun. Food, beverages and games were provided by the adult Bible fellowships, youth, college, and career classes of the church.

The Life Action Puppets were featured at the "Kids in Space Blast-Off Rally" at 7 p.m., June 11. This professional team headed by Jim and Sharon Lovenduski of Burlington, New Jersey, have shared the Good News with over 250,000 people up and down the East Coast. They have appeared on Philadelphia area TV channels and many local cable stations with large, TV-style puppets. More than just a puppet team, this group sings, tells stories, performs amazing object lessons, has exciting game shows with Professor Bobus Cranium, and much, much more.

The week-long Vacation Bible School began on June 12 and each evening began with registration at 6. From 6:25 through 8:40 the "Kids in Space" learned with Life Action Puppets, memorized Bible verses, created craft projects and earn points to spend at the Inter-Galactic Space Emporium.

Pastor Mitch Picard, Minister of Children, was pleased to announce the following committee directors: Linda Goshorn (crafts), Ken Keener (police), Bobbie Kissinger (store), Debbie Picard (registration), Jan Salsgiver (Bible verses), Kathy Steninger (refreshments), Phyllis Willard and Kathy Bracken (preschool).

NEWS UPDATE

Pastor Dick Cron has resigned at the

Grace Brethren Church of Toppenish, WA. He assumed his duties as pastor of the North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, IN, as of July 2, 1989.

The Mid-Atlantic District Conference will be held April 27 and 28, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD.

The Grace Brethren Church Theological Practorium of Fort Myers, FL, is sponsoring a three-week study tour to Israel and Jordan for Grace Brethren pastors and people. The tour will feature on location insights by Dr. Homer A. Kent, professor of New Testament and Greek at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN. The cost for the trip is \$1,575, and the dates are set for June 11 to July 1, 1990. Further information can be obtained by writing to the Grace Brethren Church Theological Practorium, 2141 Crystal Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33907.

Daniel Thornton, is the pastor (remove assistant) of the Peninsula Grace Brethren Church in Soldotna, AK. The secretary is Mrs. Debra Stone, P.O. Box 2752, Kenai, AK 99611 (Tel. 907/776-5316).

The Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, PA, was host to a concert to benefit the local park -- Lititz Springs Park. On July 11, at 7 p.m. the park rang with the thrilling sound of brass, which featured Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass. An offering was taken and all proceeds given to the park.

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ORMOND BEACH, FL, The new zip code for the Grace Brethren Church is 32174.

LAKELAND, FL, The address for the Grace Brethren Church of Lakeland, FL, is: 6410 Lunn Rd., Lakeland, FL 33811. The new telephone number is 813/647-5770.

ROY ANGLE, His phone is (011-44)(21) 708-1539.

ROBERT SKEEN, He and his family have returned to Africa. Please use their Africa address listed in *Annual*.

DEATHS

BLAIR, JUNE, 63, passed away on June 3, 1989. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

BOND, VIOLA, 77, passed away on May 2, 1989. She was an active member at the Grace Brethren Church for many years. Ray Davis, pastor.

COLFLESH, MRS. KAY, 71, died on March 6, 1989. She was a member of the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

EDWARDS, HERBERT, 81, May 4, 1989. Mr. Edwards had been a member of the Grace Brethren Church for more than 50 years. He also served as the head usher at the national conferences for more than 20 years. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

HESELTIME, MARY E., 90, passed away on May 28, 1989. She was a charter member of the Spokane Valley Grace Brethren Church, Spokane, WA. George Christie, pastor.

KREISER, GLENN R., 48, May 23, 1989. He was a member of the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

LYNN, NICKY, 14, June 3, 1989. The high school in Buena Vista, VA, held their assembly awards in the morning and Nicky's funeral was in the afternoon of the same day. He was awarded five different awards/recognition at the assembly posthumously. James Smals, Nicky's grandfather and elder in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, preached the funeral message. Nicky had been fishing with a friend when he slipped into a deep hole and drown. Mick Rockafellow, pastor.

OFFNER, RALPH, W., 86, May 9, 1989. The oldest member of the Tri-County Grace Brethren Church, Royersford/Trappe, PA. Kenneth Cosgrove, pastor.

ROBERTS, NORMAN, 60, May 22, 1989. He was a member of the

Ocala Grace Brethren Church, Ocala, FL. He was financial secretary and elder in the church and served from a wheelchair with never a complaint but always a smile and a strong voice for his Lord. Chuck Davis, pastor.

SHANKLE, LOTTIE, 83, June 27, 1989. She was a member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church, Kittanning, PA. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

SMITH, BRUCE, June, 1989. He was the son of Richard and Jean Smith, members of the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, OH. Gary Crandall, pastor.

SOUTHWORTH, ALINE "DEANIE," 61, April 28, 1989. She was a member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church, Kittanning, PA. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

SUNDIN, DOROTHY, 80, May 3, 1989. Mrs. Sundin and her husband, Dale (who preceded her in death in 1986), helped found and were charter members of the Bell Brethren Church, Bell, CA. Don Folden, pastor.

THOMAS, FLORENCE, 91, June 22, 1989. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

YODER, MRS. MARY WELLER, March 16, 1989. Mary was a faithful member of the Summit Mills Grace Brethren Church for many years. Al Valentine, pastor.

CORRECTION: Rev. Nathan Leigh, pastor of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church who visited and comforted the family during the illness and death of Mrs. Mary Hall of Roanoke, VA, was in charge of her memorial service. Pastor Leigh was assisted by Mrs. Hall's son-in-law, Rev. Lester Kennedy, and Rev. Ron Thompson.

MARRIAGE:

ENDERS: Kathy Wood and James Enders were married on May 27, 1989, in the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church, Kittanning, PA, by Pastor Richard Cornwell.

GIORGIO: Tracy Bealer and Tony Giorgio were married on April 22, 1989 at the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

KREISER: Janean Swoyer and Jeffery Kreiser were married on June 3, 1989, at the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pennsylvania. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

LEWIS: Polly Brewer and Jim Lewis were married on March 18, 1989, at the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio. Dan Grabill, pastor.

McCOY: Debbie Jo Prugh and Scott McCoy were married on April 22, 1989, in the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pennsylvania. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

WEAVER: Rhonda Seese and Brian Weaver were united in marriage on December 31, 1988, at the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Pastors John Teevan, Harry Nonnemacher, and Kent Denlinger officiated.

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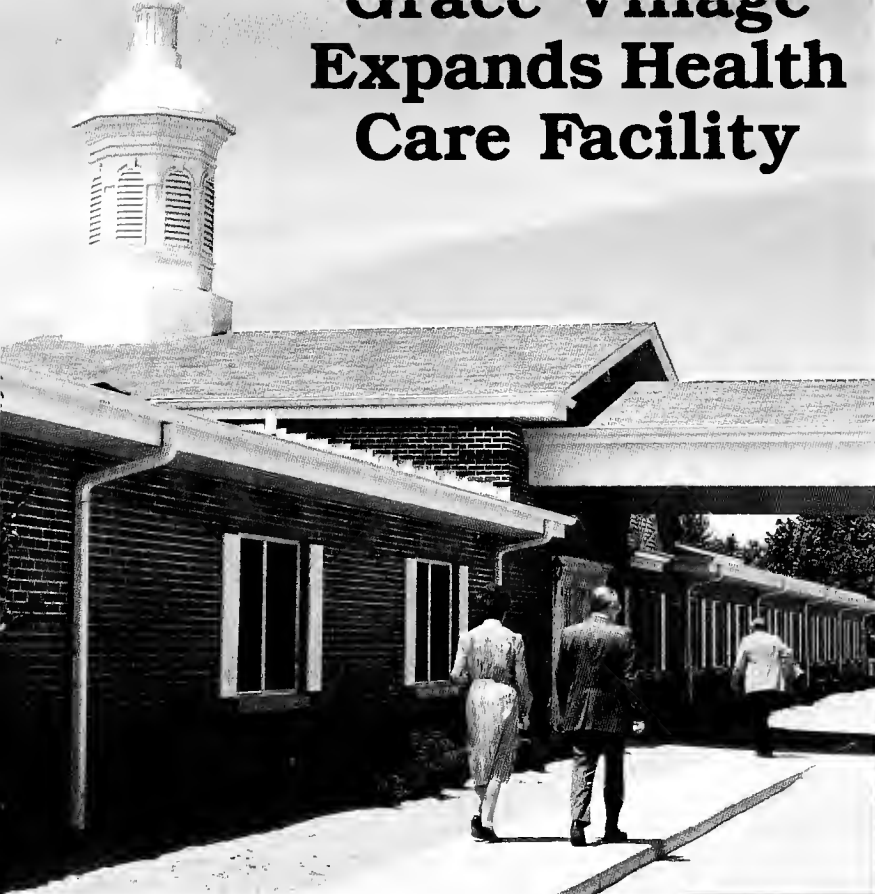
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New Services of the Brethren Missionary Herald

by Charles W. Turner

We will depart from our usual editorial format to bring you up to date on some new services that the Herald is going to provide for you.

Times are changing and the speed of communication is reaching new levels. We were just getting used to overnight mail service when it became obsolete. The new means of communication on a mass scale is "FAX." Thousands of new fax machines are coming into operation all over the world. It is a machine that sends written messages over the telephone line. The time of transmission is about 25 seconds for a standard page. The cost is the price of the telephone call. We have been using FAX for over a year now and the average cost per page is about twenty-six cents -- about the same as a postage stamp and no comparison in time!

Last month someone in town wanted a message sent to London, England. We were able to have their message delivered to the person in London in about 90 seconds at a cost of only a few dollars. Times are changing and we have tried to keep up with where the technology is going.

Information distribution of news is always a challenge. The *Herald* magazine goes back about fifty years and the forerunner of the *Herald* goes back another eighty. We are seeking ways to get information about the Brethren to the Brethren in a reliable fashion. (I emphasize reliable because many times we get information that is not accurate.)

We have established and are operating a new news service for the Brethren. By calling a toll-free number, 1-800-32-32-BMH, you will receive a recorded message of what is happening in the fellowship, as well as events that affect the fellowship. We will check the source of information coming to us and do our best to keep you informed. The magazine will give greater detail, but it will be three weeks behind. News that is urgent

will be put on the phone as soon as we can confirm it. Important information can be called to us on the other 800-348-2756 number. (It should be important to use this service.)

We also have added a "Herald Card" for the convenience of our growing list of customers. Our customer base increased by over 1,000 last year through the mail. We are adding a large number of people to our list who receive the Herald Bookstore issue of *The Nephew*. Soon over 7,000 pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will receive this edition. *The Nephew* is aimed at the full-time Christian worker and book buyer. You may not have heard of it, but it is now completing its tenth year of publication. The Herald card may be secured by application form. If you have a card all you need to supply is your name and number and we have the balance of the information on the computer. We have just added a new computer to take care of our addresses for *The Nephew* and our customer lists.

The corporation membership of the *Herald* is growing by about 200 percent this year. For twenty-five dollars a member of a Brethren Church can become a voting member of the Herald Corporation, making you a part of this growing Christian literature operation. You will receive a year's subscription to the *Herald* as well as a video of the Holy Land, and a buffet luncheon at our corporation meeting. Your Holy Land video will be sent the same day we receive your gift.

We are also considering helping in the matter of Christian radio in the Winona Lake, Indiana area. This would make possible another phase of Christian communication which has been under discussion for some time and appears to be closer to reality.

In the age of new ideas there is a need to remind ourselves of the age-old message of hope and salvation in Jesus Christ. We want to be a part of this work and we know you do, too. ■

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Left to right, Tom Inman, Earl Bock and Ralph Grady pause between sessions for a chat. Moderator John Davis autographs copies of his new book *What About Cremation? A Christian Perspective*. (Photos by Al Disbro)

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CONFERENCE ISSUE

You will find a number of articles in this issue about the National Conference held at Winona Lake, IN in early August. This year the *Herald* secured the services of Liz Cutler to cover the conference for us. Liz was formerly associated with Grace Brethren Home Missions, has taught journalism at Grace College and has served as staff writer for the Warsaw, (IN) Times Union.

We asked her to get an overall view of the conference and report to those who could not attend. Her work appears on pages five through eight of this issue.



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An Interview with John Davis

1989 Moderator

by Liz Cutler

"I don't know of a fellowship in our country that has more to offer in terms of depth and breadth of ministry," says Dr. John J. Davis after serving the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches as the 1989 moderator. "But we have to move out of our cloisters and aggressively pursue the lost."

Since his election to the position last year at Palm Desert, CA, he has traveled throughout the country taking the pulse of the Fellowship. "It was very important for me not to sit here in Winona Lake and try to guess the issues," he says. As president of Grace Schools and a popular Bible conference speaker, his schedule usually takes him from coast to coast. But this year, he had another objective.

"I tried to focus my travel as I worked for the school so I could be in various regions and get a feel for their concerns," he stresses. What he found were pastors working very skillfully in their areas, often rural and remote.

"In human terms, they are capable of much larger ministries. But I was impressed with the depth of their commitment to their rural communities."

He also found a growing concern within the Fellowship that several significant areas have been bypassed by Grace Brethren ministries, such as inner cities, urban centers, and multi-ethnic areas. "I'm encouraged by the fact that there is a developing vision that extends beyond ourselves," he says.

He is concerned that local districts cooperate more fully with the national conference. Some districts have stronger membership requirements than on the national level, an issue that Davis feels is hindering future growth and impact.

He senses the potential. "We have the kind of economic resources, the quality of manpower, and the theological agenda," he notes, "that could launch us into the 1990s as a solidly impacting group of churches." But he feels that the Fellowship has a noticeable "ecclesiastical limp" which is hindering its ability to move ahead.

Davis arrived at the 1989 conference with three goals:

- 1) To deepen the commitment of Grace Brethren people to the Lord, the church and the world.
- 2) To make the Fellowship aware of the issues that divide and hinder its progress.
- 3) To renew interest in Winona Lake, not only

from a historical perspective, but for the Grace Brethren groups headquartered there.

He feels morning Bible speaker, Dr. Haddon Robinson, helped in the first area. His sermons each day focused on the cost of commitment. "We have to be willing to pay the consequences," says Davis. "The sheer concerns of conference should have driven all of us to a deeper commitment to God."

He didn't expect the issue on this year's conference floor, the matter of admitting transfer members who had been only single immersed, to be solved.

"The time had come to openly discuss the issues," he says. Many of them had been avoided for years, but were often discussed in the hallways and back rooms of conference, he adds. "The proper way to deal with them is in an open forum."

Does he have advice for future moderators?

"Be a very good, objective, and creative listener," he stresses. A creative listener, he says, knows how to ask the right kind of questions to get the proper answers.

"Be honest," he notes. "Just take things as they really are, not as how we might want them to be." He sees the chief role of the moderator to be a "spiritual physician," providing a complete and forthright assessment of where the Fellowship is hurting and what needs to be done to correct it.

"Maintain continual communication with all the boards," he adds. During his term, he met monthly with the chief executives of the Grace Brethren boards, gaining their input on the issues and helping to coordinate activities between them.

And finally, he says with a grin, "Find ways to purchase aspirin in large quantities at reasonable prices." ■



Dr. John J. Davis

1989 National Conference Report

by Liz Cutler

Grace Brethren pastors and laity were challenged to a deeper commitment and loyalty to the values of Biblical truth during the 50th annual conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches July 29 through August 3 in Winona Lake, Indiana.

The conference opened Saturday evening with a sacred concert by recording artists Steve and Maria Gardner, of Fort Wayne, IN, and throughout the week featured challenging Bible messages by Dr. Haddon W. Robinson, president of Denver Theological Seminary.

A focus of the week were the sessions in which 800 voting delegates conducted the business of the Fellowship under the leadership of moderator Dr. John Davis, president of Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Indiana.



-- Conference Comments --

I appreciated the moderator's address. I think John Davis hit it very much on target. I think we seriously should go back to our first love.

Ray Sturgill, Clayhole, KY

Affiliated organizations also had an opportunity to challenge conference attendees with their ministries.

Robinson spoke during the Bible Hour on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. He encouraged the audience to deepen their commitment "To Our Lord," "To Our Church," and "To Our World." (Tapes of these and other conference sessions are available from the Conference Coordinator, P.O. Box 386, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.)

Three scheduled morning business sessions were expanded to Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon and late evening to consider the matters at hand.

During the sessions, nine new Grace Brethren Churches were welcomed into the Fellowship. These include: the Grace Brethren Church, North Port, FL; the Lake County Grace Brethren Church, Willoughby, OH; the Cross Lanes Grace Brethren Church, Charleston, WV; the New Hope Community Church, Moreno Valley, CA; the Inglesia De Los Hermanos Vivos n Christo, Paramount, CA; the Grace Brethren Church, McAllen, TX; the Koinonia Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, CA;

the Basinger Christian Brethren Church, Okeechobee, FL; and the Southern Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church, Emmaus, PA.

Steps to allow the Grace Brethren Christian Education Board, long a "creature of conference," to function as a separate organization were approved. Officials will be filing for corporate status under the name of CE National, Inc., an affiliate of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc. It will function separately from the conference as other cooperating organizations, such as Grace Brethren Home Missions and Grace Schools, do currently.

The report of the strategy committee was also approved. Their report addresses the continuing objectives of the FGBC and outlines goals for the future of the Fellowship and its member churches. (The report was outlined in the July 1989 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*).

Also coming to the conference floor was a controversial issue concerning the re-baptism of individuals transferring membership into a Grace Brethren Church. A motion which would have rescinded a 1963-64 decision allowing single-immersed individuals to become members of a Grace Brethren Church was defeated with only 41 percent voting for the change (a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote was required).

Also a part of the business sessions were regular reports from the Fellowship Council, appointed committees, and other cooperating organizations. Complete minutes of the session will be included in the 1990 Grace Brethren Annual later this fall.

Five missionary couples were commissioned Monday evening during the Foreign Missions challenge hour. Participating in the service were Rick and Twinky Satterthwaite (Spain), Bruce and Lisa Triplehorn (Brazil), Bill and Mona Cook (Germany), Dan and Tori Beaver (Philippines), and

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Dr. Haddon W. Robinson, president of Denver Theological Seminary, challenged conference attendees each morning with practical Biblical concepts.

The Major Issue

by Liz Cutler

Delegates at the annual conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches early last month defeated a motion that would have reversed a 1963-64 decision permitting non-trine immersed individuals to become members of a Grace Brethren Church.

In doing so, they also requested a study of the issue not to exceed three years and placed a three-year moratorium on controversial issues so the conference can proceed with following the Great Commission.

The decision, passed at the 1964 annual conference in Winona Lake, Indiana (and recorded in the 1964 Annual), allows churches within the Fellowship to admit members without being rebaptized by trine immersion, a tenet of the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith. However, those individuals do have voting limitations within the corporation.

The issue has been a matter of discussion within the Fellowship for a number of years, but this is the first it has reached the conference floor for discussion since it was originally passed.

After two days of discussion, the delegates called for the vote late Wednesday afternoon. When the ballots were tallied, 226 votes were registered for the motion, 307 against it, and 12 delegates had abstained. Its failure allows the current bylaws to stand. (Only those delegates from churches who admit trine-immersed members only, except for medical reasons, were permitted to vote, according to the bylaws.)

The issue came to the floor during the second day of business. Keith Merriman, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Orrville, OH, shared his personal testimony, then moved that the original resolution be rescinded and that Article III, Section 1, Number 5 of the Grace Brethren bylaws be rewritten to reflect "the Biblical mandate of trine immersion only as a prerequisite for membership in all Grace Brethren Churches."

He recommended that it read: "In the performance of the ordinances it shall practice baptism by trine immersion only and the three-fold communion service only, and that as of National Conference of 1990 all members will be trine immersed except for medical exceptions."

The motion also provided for a one-year period to allow pastors and leaders of churches to instruct non-trine immersed members of their need to be trine immersed.

An exception in Article III, Section 3, Number 4, not allowing delegates from churches which receive members without trine immersion to vote on any matter involving water baptism in relation to church membership was also deleted.

The motion was seconded and referred to the Fellowship Council because it dealt with matters pertaining to the by-laws.

After a lunch break, which also allowed the Fellowship Council to meet, the delegates returned to a special session to further consider the issue.

Charles Ashman, recently-retired pastor of the Winona Lake, IN, Grace Brethren Church, and Fellowship Coordinator, reported the Council recommended that the 1964 decision be unchanged, but that it be implemented properly. Speaking for the Council, he recommended that a credential form be drafted and approved (by the Council) to enable implementation of the conditions of that decision. He also stressed that clear communications with respect to the decision indicated there was no desire by the Council to close the door of fellowship to any Grace Brethren Church, including their membership representation and voting privileges in the conference.

"We are all aware we are quickly forcing ourselves into a no-win situation," said Roger Myers, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Waynesboro, PA. "If we should choose to uphold the 1964 decision, we are going to simply bury the problem under the rug and it will resurface again. If we vote in favor of the motion, we are going to create a great deal of problems with churches that have been faithful."

He proposed a substitute motion which would require churches to remain true to the ordinances while "grandfathering" in current members who are not trine immersed. It was ultimately passed and became the main motion discussed on the floor.



-- Conference Comments --

I just came from hearing the CE National Message by Ken Gangel. I think he presented a very powerful message for our Sunday Schools.

Gerald Polman, Warsaw, IN

At issue during the 1989 national conference was a 1963-64 action allowing Grace Brethren Churches to admit transfer members who had not been trine immersed. First passed by the conference in 1963, its most recent form is found in the Bylaws of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc., which were adopted in 1984.

The practice in question is found in Article III, Sections 1 and 3 and reads as follows:
In the performance of the ordinances it shall

practice baptism by trine immersion only and the threefold communion service only.

Each member church shall be entitled to one vote per delegate on each matter submitted to a vote at any meeting of the corporation. (Exception: delegates from churches which receive members without trine immersion may not vote on any matter involving the subject of water baptism in relation to church membership.)

Complete copies of the bylaws are available from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company or the Fellowship Coordinator.

Myers' motion stressed that henceforth each Grace Brethren Church would practice baptism by trine immersion only and the three-fold communion service only and would admit only those individuals who had been trine immersed. All individuals who have been received into the membership of a local Grace Brethren Church prior to the 1989 conference would be retained in membership provided they had publicly professed Christ as Savior and had been baptized by immersion.

An exception was granted for those individuals whose life or health could be endangered by immersion. As in the previous motion, the exception clause in Article III, Section 3, Number 4 was deleted. Also, only those who had been trine immersed could serve as delegates to national conference.

The motion also stated that those churches which may have accepted single immersed members prior to the 1989 conference could accept transfer members from other Grace Brethren Churches without requiring their re-baptism. However, transfer members from other churches would be required to be trine immersed.

From microphones placed in four locations around the auditorium, delegates spoke for or against the issue. Supporters stressed maintaining unity in the Fellowship by unity of action, sought a strict interpretation of the Grace Brethren ordinances, and stressed the historical significance of the Grace Brethren mode of baptism. They also cited the split membership as the reason why the Fellowship has not experienced significant growth over the last 25 years.

Those opposed called the motion an extreme measure and stressed the impact the action could have on national organizations. (Executives of both Home and Foreign Missions spoke publicly against the motion.)

Some discussion centered around whether the Bible indicates baptism as a symbol of salvation and whether or not it is required for church membership. ■

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Dave and Becky Schwan (England). Also commissioned, but already on the field, were Walter and Ruth Poupart (Spain).

Tuesday evening's challenge hour sponsored by Grace Brethren Home Missions featured the new Hispanic work in the Yakima Valley of Washington state and the premier of the new "America Now! at the Cutting Edge" film.

Grace Schools also featured two new promotional videos at their challenge hour on Wednesday evening, which included special music by student groups.

Each corporation also hosted luncheons and corporation meetings at the noon hour during the day their ministry was emphasized.

National WMC (Women Manifesting Christ) marked their 50th anniversary with a special recognition of charter members and past national presidents. They also hosted a cake and punch reception outside Rodeheaver Auditorium in celebration of the event.

A challenge to attend the 1990 annual meeting in Richmond, VA, was issued. During the week, a new Grace Brethren Church will be planted in cooperation with the Richmond Grace Brethren Church and the Virginia District of Grace Brethren Churches. Rev. Roger Peugh will serve as moderator for the sessions which will be held July 29 through August 3 at the Downtown Richmond Hotel. ■

Men join in singing at the Grace Brethren Men's Meeting.



Home Missions at Conference

Missions Emphasis

The 50th annual conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches was highlighted by a great emphasis on missions. It began with the opening session on Sunday morning. The Moderator-elect, Roger Peugh, challenged the delegates and guests to plant a new church in conjunction with next year's conference in Richmond, Virginia.

The Richmond Challenge

In response to that challenge, the Home Missions Council has already been praying and laying plans with the pastor and people of the Grace Brethren Church in Richmond to start a new work. An audiovisual presentation was prepared and shown to the conference on Sunday morning as an encouragement to support this missionary endeavor.

An offering was received at that morning session which exceeded \$1900 -- seed money to continue the studies and preparations for this exciting venture. The Council and the Richmond Grace Brethren congregation request the prayer of the entire Fellowship as planning continues and, particularly, in asking God to provide the man of His choice to pioneer the new work.

A World Missions Vision

Grace Brethren Home and Foreign Missions cooperated in a unique Sunday afternoon Missions Rally. Karen Bartel of the GBFM staff directed the extravaganza which included film footage of the Kent State riots in the late 60s and the Viet Nam War as introductions to missionary personnel.

Pastor Jay Bell, Long Beach, California and Rev. Ed Jackson, HMC Western Director of Church Planting and Development gave personal testimonies of God's leading them to Himself and into Christian service. Home missionary testimonies through slides and tape recording were given by Louis Huesmann, Hartford, CT; Mike Wallace, Pine Grove, PA; Ron Boehm, Macedonia, OH; and Zeke Young, Charleston, WV.

Concluding remarks were presented by Tom Julien and Larry Chamberlain, executive directors of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions and Home Missions, respectively. They challenged the Fellowship to its Great Commission responsibility with the words, "Let's do it together!"

Thompson Reception

Hundreds of the Conference delegates and guests paid tribute to Bob and Betty Thompson upon the occasion of his retirement as executive director of Grace Brethren Home Missions. A lovely reception was held in their honor at the International Friendship House where the Thompsons' many friends greeted them and enjoyed light refreshments.



Bob Thompson greets guests at the reception honoring him on his retirement from Home Missions.

HMC Corporation Luncheon

At the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Home Missions Council, the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, and Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, a delicious meal was enjoyed by nearly 500 guests at the Grace College Dining Commons. Corporation president Dr. Luke Kauffman presided at the business meeting in which reports were heard from the officers and staff members of the Council, the GBIF, and the Navajo Mission.

Jim Johnson, director of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation announced that the board of directors had approved an increase in the interest to be paid on deposits with the Foundation. Beginning October 1st the rate will increase from 6.5% to 6.77% which with regular compounding yields 7.0% annually.



Jim Johnson

Special music was provided by the Sam Baer family of the Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Church in Dryhill, Kentucky.



The Sam Baer family presents music at the corporation luncheon.

Six pastors were honored for significant achievement in their home missions churches. Plaques in recognition of their ministry were presented by Eastern and Southern Director of Church Planting and Development, Ed Jackson to Chuck Davis, Ocala, FL; Mike Wallace, Pine Grove, PA; Louis Huesmann, Hartford, CT; Ron Boehm, Macedonia, OH; Ron Smals, Murrysville, PA; and Sam Baer, Dryhill, KY.



Pastors honored. Back row: Mike Wallace, Ron Smals, Ron Boehm; Front row: Louis Huesmann, Chuck Davis, Sam Baer.

Rev. Dave Marksbury, Western Director of Church Planting and Development introduced the challenge of a new building project at the Navajo Mission. Speaking to the purpose and value of a Vocational Training and Vehicle Maintenance Center were Bob Clifton, Missions staff member, Tully Butler, Navajo pastor, and Larry Wedertz, Mission Superintendent.

A beautiful brochure outlining this project was

distributed at the meeting, and the guests were encouraged to accept the challenge of making contributions towards the \$50,000 goal so that construction can begin next spring.

Mr. Chamberlain announced that a gift of \$30,000 has already been promised for the project, and an additional \$5,000 gift has since been received. Only \$15,000 is to be raised to complete the project. Any excess funds will be used for further capital improvements at the Mission.

Home Missions Challenge Hour

Concluding "Home Missions Day" was the challenge hour on Tuesday evening. The highlight of this program was the formal commissioning of Larry N. Chamberlain as Executive Director of the Home Missions Council and its ancillary organizations, the GBIF, and Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries.



Executive Director Larry Chamberlain addresses the corporation meeting.

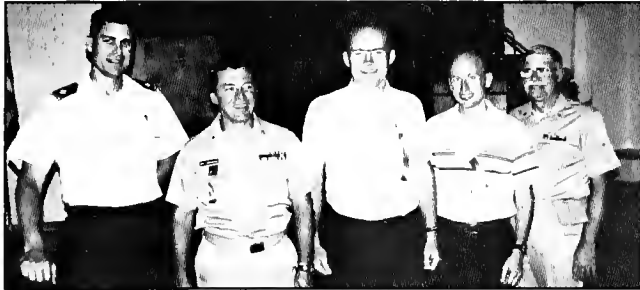


The Home Missions Council Board of Directors dedicates Larry and Sherlene Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain presented his personal remarks and challenged the Conference to a strategic alliance among the organizations and churches of the Fellowship to fulfill its Great

Commission obligations. Readers will want to read his article on this subject in the July 15, 1989, issue of *The Brethren Missionary Herald*.

Other features included recognition and prayer of dedication for the five military chaplains on active duty who were present at Conference: Major John B. Patrick, U.S. Army (with his wife Georgia); James Dickson, Commander, U.S. Navy (with his wife June); Dayne Nix, Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy; Jack Galle, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy; and John Diaz, Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy (with his wife Brenda).



Chaplains John Patrick, John Diaz, Dayne Nix, Jack Galle, Jim Dickson.

An offering was received for start-up funds to assist in the new work in Fishtown, an inner city area of Philadelphia, PA. Ed Jackson, area director, and Steve Makofka, pioneer pastor presented the project.

Another pioneer pastor was introduced to the Conference and spoke through an interpreter. Pastor Bob Soto of McAllen, Texas (himself a pioneer church planter). Abner Solano is pastoring a Spanish-speaking work in the Yakima Valley of Washington State. He is a Nicaraguan whose family has just recently joined him in the States.

With the theme, "At the Cutting Edge," the fourth year of the America Now! campaign is underway. It will climax with the planting of a new church in Richmond, VA. at the 1990 National Conference in that city.



Pastor Bob Soto interprets for Pastor Abner Solano.

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"Right now, I'm only a high school freshman, but I've seriously considered Medical Missions as a part of my future. I pray that I will be open to *whatever* God has in store for my life."

"I want to serve Jesus Christ in whatever capacity I can and feel led to. I truly believe that the Lord wants me to join the ministry!"

"Even though I'm not sure exactly what God wants me to do, I do know that I want to fully dedicate my life to serving Him in a ministry of full-time Christian service."

"I would not trade this week in for any week of vacation that I have ever had. The chance to meet young people and the opportunity to become a part of their lives and a chance to be lead of the LORD was such a great experience that I praise Him and thank you for the opportunity —"




New Amendment

Special Business Session
National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc., Winona Lake, Indiana
Tuesday afternoon, August 1, 1989

Motion was made and seconded to let GBC Christian Education Department of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Inc. be authorized to file for incorporation, at the earliest reasonable period of time, under the proposed by-laws that are included in this year's delegate packets, and that the new corporation begin operation under these Bylaws upon completion of incorporation. We recommend, that subsequent to the acceptance of the Fellowship Council, the new corporation be recognized as a Cooperating Organization of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc., according to the requirements and procedures of the Fellowship's Bylaws, Article X.


Motion then prevailed to let GBC Christian Education incorporate as CE National, Inc.

SPORTS



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Youths' volunteer work spreads message of love

"This service is provided for you by Brethren National Youth Conference. It is our desire to demonstrate Christ's love for you in a small way. We want our lives to 'set the pace' in reaching our world with God's love."
—Flier distributed by BNYC participants at area workites

by RUTHIE MASLIN
Register Staff Writer

They could be seen painting

Richmond and Madison County on clean-up and community service projects, which included everything from washing, police cars to washing windows at eight county schools and the Madison County Public Library. The project, called Blitz '89, was part of the week-long Brethren National Youth Conference which has brought some 2,000 people, youth and adults, from across the country to the campus of Eastern Kentucky University. The 51st annual conference, sponsored by the Grace Brethren churches, is a motivational con-



CE NATIONAL



National Achievement Competition & Bible Quizzing Finals

Bible Quizzing Champions

First Place North Central Ohio
Second Place Virginia

Top 5 Bible Quizzers for 1989

1. Brian Johnson (S. Florida)
2. Orie Snider (Virginia)
3. Knute Klingler (S. Ohio)
4. Charity Miller (S. Ohio)
5. Dave Helsley (N.C. Ohio)

NAC Sports Finals

MIXED VOLLEYBALL

First Place Southern California
Second Place North Atlantic
Female Player of the Year Rachelle Conrad (S.C.A.)

Male Player of the Year Paul Miller (S.C.A.)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

First Place Indiana
Second Place Northwest
Player of the Year Heather Hanna (IN)



BOYS BASKETBALL

First Place Indiana
Second Place Southern California
Player of the Year Matt Dick (IN)

NAC Finals

VOCAL SOLO I (WOMEN)

First Place Shari Stuart (NCO)
Second Place Jennifer McKinney (S.FL)

VOCAL SOLO I (MF)

First Place Matt Nightengale (IN)
Second Place Jason Strickling (NCO)

VOCAL SOLO II (WOMEN)

First Place Cynthia Peachy (N.ATL)
Second Place Becky Matheny (NEO)

VOCAL SOLO II (MEN)

First Place Herbert Mincey (MAD)
Second Place Matthew Yoder (N. ATL)

SMALL VOCAL ENSEMBLE

First Place Trilogy (IN)
Second Place King, Eisa (VA)

LARGE VOCAL ENSEMBLE

First Place His Workmanship (N.ATL)
Second Place Praise (MAD)

YOUTH CHOIR

First Place Alethia (N.ATL)
Second Place Inheritance (IA)

PIANO SOLO

First Place Chris Ungerer (NEO)
Second Place Rachael Jeffries (MAD)

KEYBOARD DUET

First Place Ungerer, Steiner (NEO)
Second Place Sowers, Shank (MAD)

PRE-TUNED INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

Second Place Mark Myers (N.ATL)

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

First Place Aleta Roberts (NEO)
Second Place Craig Knepper (N.ATL)

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

First Place Knepper Trio (N. ATL)
Second Place Ju-Bell-Ation (NEO)

PUPPETRY

First Place God's Peculiar People (ALLEG)
Second Place Praise Pals (N. ATL)

MIME/CLOWNING

First Place Image (S.OH)
Second Place Mimes, Inc. (N.ATL)

DRAMATIC ARTS I (SMALL)

First Place Class Act (N.ATL)
Second Place (VA)

TEEN TEACHER

First Place Christie Edmonds (S.FL)
Second Place Jill Petrunak (W.PA)

INTERPRETIVE SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

First Place Dalene Anderson (S.FL)
Second Place Julia Tom (IN)

CHORAL READING

First Place Inheritance (IA)
Second Place Community (SOH)

TEEN CHALLENGE SPEAKER

First Place Kieran Kehlor (N.ATL)
Second Place Tim Perkins (IN)

TEEN EVANGELISTIC SPEAKER

First Place Tony Pangle (MAD)

Original Art

DRAWING

First Place Steve Friesen (E.C.FL)
Second Place Kerri Miller (NEO)

PAINTING

First Place Danielle Longenecker (W.PA)
Second Place Danielle Longenecker (W.PA)

SCULPTURE

First Place Terri Guisti (S.FL)

PHOTOGRAPHY

First Place Kelli Hoke (IN)
Second Place Paul Halter (NEO)

BEST OF THE SHOW

Kellie Hoke (IN)

ORIGINAL POETRY

First Place Judy Rowe (W.PA)
Second Place Aimee Hostetler (NW)

CHRISTIAN WRITING

First Place Judy Rowe (W.PA)
Second Place Nina Boswell (NW)

New Literature

Recently some new literature was completed for purchase from CE. Three new "Readables" on marriage, the Bible, and who are Grace Brethren people are now available. In addition to these are new materials for the Year of Youth Outreach (THE NOTEBOOK, 15 evangelism booklets), SMM books, a revised edition of the Candidating Survival Kit, Biblical Beliefs series (Adult Book 1 reprint and the new Adult Book 2 and Youth Book 2), Brochures (Operation Barnabas, TIME, Year of Youth Outreach), and much more.

For a 1988 Annual Report and the new Church Resources Order Form, please tear off this coupon and send to CE National, P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, IN 46590



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Foreign Missions Conference News

This year at conference for the first time Home and Foreign Missions cooperated in a joint Missions Rally rather than each organization presenting its ministry separately. The rally directed attention to the fact that God will use ordinary people for extraordinary things at home and abroad when people allow Him to. The rally concluded with a handshake between Tom Julien and Larry Chamberlain. Says Tom, "The handshake was more than symbolic. There is but one world and we share the same mission as we attempt to plant churches in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts. We renew our pledge to work together in teamwork to serve the churches -- all the churches of our fellowship -- in their Great Commission ministries."

Couples Commissioned

Five couples were commissioned at the Grace Brethren Foreign Missions Challenge Hour this year. They are Rick and Twinky Satterthwaite, Spain; Dan and Tori Beaver, Philippines; Bill and Mona Cook, Germany; Dave and Becky Schwan, England; and Bruce and Lisa Triplehorn, Brazil.

Each couple was given a charge from pastors or someone special to the couple. For the Schwans and Beavers those special people were their parents, Tom and Doris Julien (Becky's parents) and Wayne and Dorothy Beaver (Dan's parents).

Dan and Tori Beaver left for the Philippines August 2. Praise the Lord all their support was raised. The other appointees will leave for their fields when their support is completed.

From left to right: Mona and Bill Cook, Becky and Dave Schwan, Tori and Dan Beaver, Lisa and Bruce Triplehorn, Twinky and Rick Satterthwaite.



Awards Given

At conference this year Mary Cripe, retired missionary to Central African Republic, was recognized for 40 years of service with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. Mary's prayer is that the Lord will continue to use her here in the States and that she will remain active for Him. Also recognized were Jack and Jean Zielasko for 36 years of service before retiring, Roger and Nancy Peugh for 20 years of service in Germany, Cheryl Kaufman for 10 years of service in the Central African Republic, and John and Rebecca Pappas for 10 years of service in Germany.



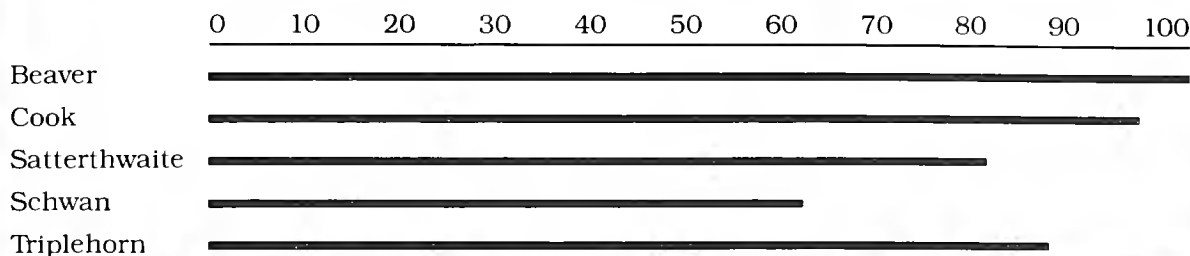
Mary Cripe

Thank You

The board of directors of Grace Brethren Investment Foundation has approved a contribution to GBFM in the amount of \$10,000. We at GBFM send our most sincere thanks to GBIF for their generous gift. What a privilege to be laborers together for Him!

APPOINTEE SUPPORT STATUS

Percent of support reported as of August 31, 1989

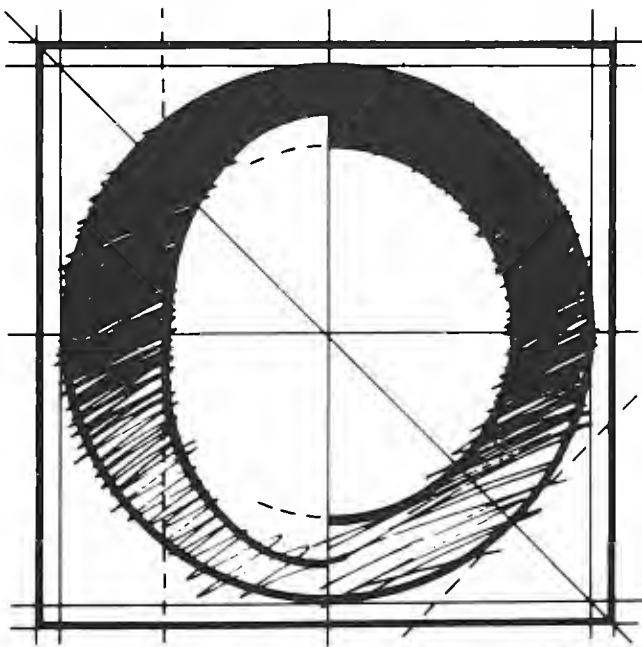


New Faces

Blaine Horst joined the office staff of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions in August. Blaine has been hired as the Candidate Coordinator and the World Mission Church Coordinator. Blaine works with those interested in missionary service to help them prepare for and enter cross-cultural ministry. He also assists churches to implement World Mission Church principles. Originally from New Holland, Pennsylvania, Blaine now calls Winona Lake, Indiana, home. He graduated from Lancaster Bible College in May, 1986 and is currently a student at Grace Theological Seminary. Blaine is married to the Accounts Payable Manager of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, Lee Ann Horst.

**Blaine Horst**

is from the Palmyra Grace Brethren Church in Pennsylvania. Says MaryBeth, "I know that I have a big challenge ahead of me, but I also know this is where the Lord wants me. *'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.'*"



OPERATION LIFELINE

Grace Brethren Foreign Missions would like to thank those of you who are faithfully contributing to "Operation Lifeline." To those of you who may be unsure what it is, here is a reminder. "Operation Lifeline" refers to the gifts we receive to meet home office expenses. For every \$10 you send toward missionary support, please send \$1 to "Operation Lifeline." If all our supporters would follow this simple guideline we would receive enough each year to meet our needs.



MaryBeth Kaylor

WMC President's Address to National Conference

by Mrs. Betty Ogden

After 10 months of Bible studies and missions emphasis on "Growing Up in Christ", I am sure you will conclude with me that there is no magic formula that will insure spiritual growth. Just as a plant needs the right soil and environment to develop, so these ingredients are important to spiritual growth.

The soil is God's Word. The Bible will always provide the best nutritional source for our roots. So we must again and again go back to the Word for the proper feeding of our spiritual roots.

The environment is also critical. We need the environment of the church to be constantly nurtured and cultivated. But we also need the environment of the world where we may have the opportunity to blossom and bear fruit. We, of course, must reject the world's values; but to grow spiritually, we need the church and the world.

As the world reacts, rebuffs and challenges our faith, a strange thing happens. We are strengthened -- yes, we grow as we actively express our faith to others.

Growing up is a continual process of hearing God's Word and putting it into practice in our lives. It is an ever-increasing knowledge that you have a long way to go. Spiritual maturity is a never-finished product, a state of becoming. Ephesians 4:15 says, "*But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects unto Him, who is the Head, even Christ.*"

This mature love for God translates into a mature, grown up love for others. Our hearts and souls become so full of love for God that it splashes over on His other children. We cannot grow upward unless we also grow outward. Each time we move closer to God we discover new ways to grow and new goals to reach.

The story is told of a child, born with a pitifully twisted foot whose leg was put in a cast to stretch his foot just a fraction of an inch. Over and over again the cast was removed and replaced -- forcing the crooked bones to straighten a little more.

How like our spiritual growth! We begin with a crippled soul that is turned completely away from God. Just a little at a time God twists, stretches, pulls and gradually turns us toward Himself. The process is often painful -- the growth comes often through pain, suffering, sorrow and loss, but the results are eternal.

Let us ask ourselves, "Have we grown in Christ-likeness, in our service, in our caring, in our trust, in our humility, in our obedience?" The real evidence of spiritual maturity is our love.

Making Christ's love the aim of our life is the work of every individual Christian. Peter encourages believers to "*give themselves to love.*" (I Peter 4:8). Paul said the way of love is the "*most excellent way.*" (I Cor. 12:31)

John gave us a new commandment -- "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" (John 13:34)

The early Christians were surrounded with paganism just as we are today, but it was their style of living that convinced the Greeks and Romans of the reality of Jesus Christ. Can the world tell by the way we love and live that we belong to the Lord?

Our theme for 1989-90 is "*Go . . . to all the world.*" Mark 16:15 . . . "*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.*" The love of Christ should motivate us.

Each monthly devotional has been written by Grace Brethren Missionary Women. Our program committee has worked hard to present us with spiritually stimulating materials for this coming year. We encourage you to adapt the materials to the individual needs of your council.

In February, I wrote a letter to every pastor in the Grace Brethren Fellowship with a plea for their support of WMC. I told them one of my goals as president is that every local WMC would get under the umbrella of their pastor as well as support the ministries of the local churches.

In 1985 the Yokefellow Institute did a study on the growth and decline of women's groups in the church. We can profit from the conclusions. When



emphasis is placed on fellowship and the building of the individual only, the group tends to stagnate and eventually lose interest. The service or task oriented groups have a better chance to survive.

When the focus is more on organizational structure than on missions and prayer, when the business meetings drag on endlessly with every minor detail discussed by the whole group, the survival of the organization is questionable.

Women's groups need a goal to survive. As long as the Women's Missionary Council makes world-wide missions our goal -- as long as our prayer time concentrates on the goal -- as long as WMC helps to keep missions alive in the church -- as long as our enthusiasm and commitment to the goal is evident -- WE WILL SURVIVE.

I wanted the pastors to know that we are a service organization and that we are the only National Board in the Fellowship that does all of its work "on the kitchen table." Our goal is not "What can I get?" But it is "What can I give?" In a world that is asking: What's in this for me?" We are unique.

In 1988-89 we received and disbursed around \$91,300, and we paid no office rent or personnel salaries. The money that is sent in goes entirely to the designated mission.

I wanted to help the pastors understand that 250 Women's Missionary Councils across the nation may seem rather insignificant individually, but when we join our hands and hearts together in selected projects, "little becomes much when placed in the Master's Hand."

As your representative, I received a draft with recommendations of the Strategy Committee of the F.G.B.C. Fellowship Council. They recommend six objectives and goals for the 1990's which reflect the kind of Fellowship they desire by the year 2000 A.D. -- a fellowship that is alive with faith and pleasing to our Lord. Praise God for men of vision and men who understand that without a vision, we perish.

In my response to the Strategy Committee, I suggested they include a caring ministry to reach the lost. We are living in a lonely, isolated age. People need to belong, to know that someone cares. That was our Lord's strategy with the lost. He almost always did something for them first to express His love. He fed them, He healed them, He wept with them, He cast out demons, He prayed for them, He comforted them, He forgave them. Can we do less?

I assure the Strategy Committee that the Women's Missionary Council will support and pray for them.

The most exciting of the goals was that we



WMC District Presidents and National Officers met at National Conference in August.

establish an International Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, the first International conference to be held in 1995!

Can you imagine our WMC sessions that year? Fellowship with the "Women of Good News" in C.A.R. and other women around the world!

Ladies, great days are ahead for us! These first fifty years have been foundational. We have just begun to see the things God wants to do through us.

We are faced with many challenges this year. I would like to encourage you to:

1. Disciple some woman or girl younger than yourself this next year. Resolve to help them catch a burden for missions. Invite them to your local Women's Missionary Council.
2. Work with your pastor. invite him to attend one of your council meetings. Pray for him and his wife and family. Be willing to serve your local body of believers.
3. Pray for SMM and Chery Otermat as she works in Girls' Ministries, and give generously to the work of SMM that we will meet our commitment this year.
4. Concentrate on replenishing the Missionary Residence repair and replacement fund so that needs may be met as they arise.
5. Pray for our missionaries, foreign and home as well as your National WMC officers.
6. Pray for the 20/20 Vision Program of our National Youth Conference that each of these young people will win a friend to Christ during the coming year.
7. Pray for 5,000 members in our WMC and a total offering of \$125,000 by 1992.

Let us dare to dream great dreams, plan great plans and pray great prayers in the final year of this decade. Let us increase our vision and consecrate ourselves to the work of missions around the world.

*"May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.
We will shout for joy when you are victorious,
and lift up your banners in the Name of God
May the Lord grant all your requests."*

Psalm 20:4-5

HAPPY 50th, WMC!

by Janet Minnix, National 2nd Vice President, Roanoke, VA

The celebration began with refreshments, as the women attending the 1989 National WMC Conference on Monday, July 31, were served cake and punch outside the Rodeheaver Auditorium in Winona Lake, Indiana. This was to be a special day, a day to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Women's Missionary Council, to recognize its leaders, and to highlight its history and God's blessings since 1939.

In an auditorium decorated with blue and silver balloons and a large banner proclaiming "HAPPY 50TH WMC", the women were welcomed to the celebration by "Miss WMC 1939", Mrs. Jeanne Hopkins, whose dress, hat and shoes were the latest fashion in 1939. Jeanne, who also served as Mistress of Ceremonies, introduced Mrs. Betty Ogden, National President, for the announcements and offering.

Special tribute was paid to those ladies who have served WMC as national presidents. Of the thirteen who have led WMC since 1939, four have gone to be with the Lord. All of the remaining presidents were in the audience, and were given corsages as they came to the platform to be introduced: Mrs. Herman Koontz (1944-46), Mrs. W.A. Ogden (1946-49), Mrs. Paul Dick (1957-62), Mrs. Thomas Hammers (1962-67), Mrs. Richard Placeway (1969-73), Mrs. Robert Griffith (1973-78), Mrs. Dan Pacheco (1978-83), Mrs. Fred Devan (1983-88) and Mrs. Russell Ogden (1988-present). Joining these women on the platform were others who had been in the organizational meeting in 1939, those who had been in WMC for 50 years, all former and present national officers.

As nearly thirty women assembled on the platform, the Mistress of Ceremonies announced that these ladies would form a "National Choir", to present the special music of the day.

What was happening in 1939, when WMC was born? Jeanne Hopkins gave a sometimes

humorous, sometimes serious look at the year, describing cultural trends, economic and political events, and major headlines. Turning to WMC, she told about its organization on September 1 of that year. Mrs. W.A. Ogden was chosen as the presiding officer for the organizational meeting, and Mrs. Homer Kent, Sr. was later elected as the group's first President. During its first year, WMC ladies gave offerings totaling \$2,068.25; by comparison, total offerings for the year 1988-89 exceeded \$72,800. Since its beginning, WMC offerings have surpassed \$1.7 million.

As Mrs. Ogden was interviewed, she reminded the women that the original goals of WMC remain the same: Bible reading and prayer for personal spiritual growth, a missions emphasis through personal contact with missionaries and information about their work, and witnessing. She noted that several positive additions have been made to the WMC program since 1939: the 15th day of each month was set aside as a Day of Prayer, following the example of the Brethren in Central Africa; an annual offering, given through the districts, was to be used for furnishing and repair of the Missionary Residence; and a yearly offering was added toward the support of one missionary.

In closing, Mrs. Ogden shared her thoughts on maintaining an active WMC program in the local church: "Keep up your interest in WMC . . . make your meetings interesting . . . see that every woman in the church is invited to attend your meetings."

Following a number of spontaneous testimonies of what WMC has meant in women's lives, Jeanne Hopkins interviewed Mrs. Russell Ogden, WMC's current president. Betty shared how her hopes and goals are for WMC today and in the coming years. The audience then joined in singing "Happy Anniversary" to WMC, and shared in a closing prayer of praise for what God has done through WMC in the past 50 years.

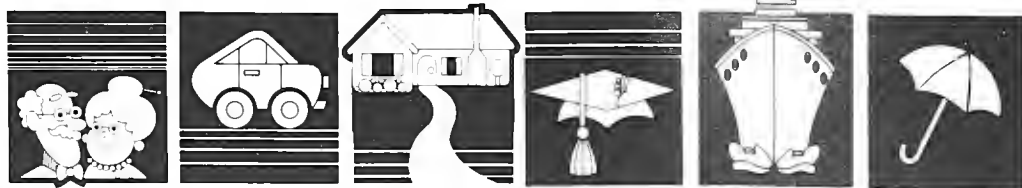
Photos by Liz Cutler



Nine former WMC National Presidents honored.



WMC ladies enjoy the 50th Anniversary party.

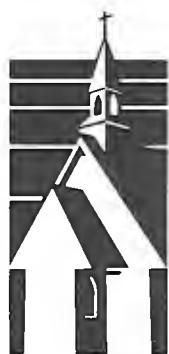


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Our Vision For The Next Decade

by Ron Thompson

We, the directors of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries (BEM) desire to faithfully serve our fellowship of churches, promoting evangelism. It is our unanimous conviction that God has given us an exciting new dimension in evangelism to share with our FGBC. We have chosen to call it: First Love Renewal (FLR). The program aspect of FLR takes the form of a seminar. It is a **Bible study seminar** where participants learn from Scriptures the principles Jesus Himself used to share the Gospel with others. It is a **devotional seminar** in which we have an opportunity to fall in love with Jesus Christ all over again, returning to what we were like when we were first saved. It is a **discipleship seminar** planned to bring believers to a higher level of maturity in Christ in response to His call to commitment and involvement. It is an outreach seminar that produces enthusiasm and faith in action, unleashing a local church from a fortress mentality to a force, with every member evangelizing. (For a more expanded definition of FLR, read p. 96 of our new book, *The Other Evangelism*.)

BEM's twelve point evangelistic vision for the last decade of this century is as follows:

1. We want to challenge the vision of our fellowship with respect to evangelism.
2. We want everyone to be aware that although the FGBC is experiencing growth in some areas, we could grow more if everyone grasped the idea that they can share their faith with others in a natural way.
3. We desire to develop a structure that will pave the way for future invitations to conduct FLR in our churches.
4. We are praying and working toward developing a model of personal growth in evangelism.
5. We desire to have the approval of the operation of FLR from the national organizations of our FGBC.
6. We need a greater financial base in order to achieve our goals and objectives. For example:
 - A. Provide free materials for participants to FLR
 - B. Funds to take our teams to the foreign mission fields
 - C. Special funding for small churches that cannot afford to support a full scale seminar
 - D. Funding for developing teaching teams
7. We must have additional personnel to coordinate these goals.
8. We must expand our FLR teaching teams to include women, teens, and children, as well as to systematically cover our fellowship geographically.
9. We desire to produce a great volume of prayer support at every level:
 - A. For FLR seminars in every place
 - B. For the necessary financing and personnel
10. We want our FGBC to realize that FLR is not just an event only, or simply another program of evangelism.
11. We expect to see the following results from FLR:
 - A. Awakening and encouragement, personal revival, revived churches, people converted to Christ
 - B. Some less spectacular results:
 - (1) Deeper prayer life
 - (2) More contagious witness
 - (3) Unity in love among Christians as we witness
 - (4) A greater boldness
 - C. Social concern
 - D. A reduction in hatred and violence
 - E. A promoting of encouragement, hopefulness, optimism, faith and courage
 - F. A building of leadership producing candidates for the ministry
 - G. An encouragement to greater stewardship
 - H. The emergence of new methods and techniques
 - I. Sharpening our focus to every member evangelizing
 - J. A return to basics -- the NT method of evangelism
 - K. A fresh emphasis on the local church
 - L. A transferring of the church from a concentric force to a centrifugal force! From a fortress mentality to a Spirit-filled force.
The church unleashed!
 - M. The producing of world-wide global awareness
 - N. A promoting of evangelism from both the pulpit and the pew
12. A workable strategy for saturating the FGBC with First Love Renewal would include:
 - A. Regional FLR seminars for pastors and key lay leaders -- as we did in GROW '73

- B. Pastors exposed to FLR would share the concepts in their own local churches
- C. BEM would continue to:
 - (1) Conduct FLR in key local churches
 - (2) Conduct FLR in various districts
 - (3) Develop teaching teams to maximize effectiveness and to cover FGBC by the year 2000
- D. BEM would conduct FLR seminars in specialized settings:
 - (1) District ministerial retreats
 - (2) Home Missions workshops
 - (3) Grace Schools -- college and seminary classes and special emphasis weeks
 - (4) Brethren National Youth Conference
 - (5) Foreign mission fields
 - (6) Men's retreats, WMC conferences
- E. Involvement would include assistance from and involvement with our national organizations: CE, GBFM, BHMC, Herald Company, GBM, WMC:
 - (1) Producing training manuals, music and other necessary materials

- (2) Promotion of FLR seminars
- (3) Prayer support
- (4) Contribute potential teachers and leaders for FLR
- (5) Help financially underwrite some seminars
- (6) Develop follow-up strategies for churches and help provide for ongoing reinforcement of FLR leaders
- F. Other possibilities include:
 - (1) Developing a video tape series to use on local church level
 - (2) Special called conferences or congresses devoted to FLR
 - (3) Cooperative efforts with other interested evangelical groups

Brethren Evangelistic Ministries extends an outstretched hand to you, our Grace Brethren people, and we entreat you to participate with us and become a part of our vision for evangelism in this closing decade of the twentieth century. Together we can see God spark a revival within the Body of Christ, and stir the hearts of His people back to their first love!

**WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS
AND SUPPORT NOW!**

**Brethren Evangelistic Ministries
P.O. Box 333
Winona Lake, IN 46590**



-- Conference Comments --

I enjoyed the missionaries. I wish we would have heard more of them. I like hearing what is going on in the mission field.

Betty Sturgill, Clayhole, KY



-- Conference Comments --

The challenge of Monday in the missions service was the highlight for me. I enjoyed the thrill of seeing our missionaries go ahead with the strategy to reach the world for Christ.

Jerry Allebach, Palmyra, PA



Mrs. Betty Ogden, National WMC President serves punch at the WMC birthday party.



Delegates at one of the business sessions study a motion under consideration.



1988-89 Moderator John Davis hands the gavel to 1989-90 Moderator Roger Peugh.

A Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Turner,

Before anything else I want to express my personal gratitude for an exceptional issue of the Herald. The "Dream Again" issue of July 15 has real relevance to where the Grace Brethren are at. It speaks to needs and has meaningful articles. It was truly a job well done.

However it is the future issues of the Herald that I wish to discuss, and the present realities of the Fellowship. The issue of re-baptism will shape the future of our Fellowship. It is an issue that we as Grace Brethren will be discussing and about which we will be making serious decisions. I think that the Herald ought to become part of the forum of that discussion so that more of the Brethren can make informed decisions.

I do not think that the Herald ought to take a side in the discussion. But it should do at least three things:

1) Publish a series of articles on the history of the issue, including the decision of '64, the background of that decision, and how it has been handled since. Also included should be articles on the growth of the Grace Brethren since then. The discussion on the floor of the conference shows that much misinformation is circulating. These should be objective reports of the facts.

2) Publish the minutes of prepared statements of the study committee on re-baptism as they meet. This issue will come up again next conference. Delegates should know **before they get there** what they are facing and the findings of the committee so that they have time to examine **exegetically** the findings.

3) Publish a series of balanced, meaningful articles on the issue, that is those that deal with exegetical and practical subjects, not feelings, histories or unsubstantiated quotes and especially not those that vilify. These should be from both sides of the issue and be printed together so that the lay people and pastors can see the issues clearly and make a decision wisely when called upon to do so.

At critical times in the history of the Brethren, publications have played a decisive role. The "Dream Again" issue proves that today's Herald can do the same. I ask you to take these actions so that the Herald remains a moving force in the Grace Brethren movement. These actions would not be divisive. Instead, they would contribute to a decision based on facts and Biblical study, not gut reactions and misunderstandings. Perhaps an editorial introducing these series and setting up the boundaries of the "debate articles" would help their reception and contribution. A pair of "guest editors," one from each side, could assure that quality articles are published and no taint of unfairness could be attached to the Herald.

Please let me know whether this is a possibility. God may use this to achieve the miracle in the Grace Brethren that we all are praying for, a unity based on Scripture and intent on reaching our world with God's truth.

-- Indiana

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

NEWS UPDATE

1989-1990 FGBC Conference Officers

The Conference Officers elected last month are:

Moderator: Roger Peugh
Mod-Elect/V.Mod.: Jerry Young
Conf. Secretary: Kenneth Koontz
Conf. Treasurer: Steve Popenfoose
Conf. Statistician: Sherwood Durkee
Fellowship Coord: Charles Ashman

New Work in PA

The West Penn District Missions Board is beginning a new work in State College, PA. A Bible Worship is starting on October 12 and several families have already committed to this new work. Plans are underway to contact any families, friends, or acquaintances of our Grace Brethren Fellowship in the area. Know anyone in the State College area? Please inform Pastor Tim Boal, Pastor Bill Snell, or Pastor Jim Snavelly. Or, call the District Mission office at 814/793-2513.

Future Conferences

Future National Conference dates approved by the 1989 conference delegates are:

1990: July 28 -- August 2
Richmond, VA

1991*: July 27 -- August 2
Columbus, OH with the
Worthington GBC as the host.

1992*: August 1 -- August 6
Winona Lake, IN

* Contingent on meeting room and lodging arrangements

Souvenir Calendars

The Winona Lake, Indiana Historical Society is offering for sale Winona Lake Souvenir Calendars. The 1990 calendars featuring Homer Rodeheaver are on sale for \$5.00, and contain a number of commemorative pictures. You may order your copy from the Herald Bookstore,

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Free Methodists Move Headquarters

Seattle, Washington – The world headquarters of the Free Methodist Church, located in Winona Lake, Indiana since 1935, will be relocating to Indianapolis, Indiana in the near future.

The bishops of the Free Methodist Church went on record four years ago favoring relocating headquarters to a major city. They expressed that the move would send a firm message that the Free Methodist Church is committed to expanding its urban ministries and starting new churches in cities. Up until now the Free Methodists have been a predominantly rural denomination.

The decision to move was made by the church's top legislative body, the General Conference, which met in Seattle, Washington in August. The vote completed 10 years of study and debate over what has been an emotional issue in the church and community.

Following nearly four hours of debate on the conference floor, the more than 300 delegates approached a consensus on the matter, approving relocation by a 188 to 103 vote.

The current headquarters complex in Winona Lake employs about 100 workers. A plan to assist many employees in relocating is being prepared.

CHANGE YOUR ANNUAL

KELLER, ELLWOOD is the new pastor of the Laurel Mountain Grace Brethren Church, Boswell, PA. His address is: R. 2, Box 121A, Boswell, PA 15531. The telephone number is the same as the church.

WAGGONER, TIM is the new pr

at the Grace Brethren Church of Altoona, PA.

DEATHS

BENSHOFF, ANNA GRACE. 86, March 8, 1989. Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Charles Martin, pastor.

FLOHR, GEORGE S. 84, June 22, 1989. He was a member of the First Grace Brethren Church of Grafton, WV. Joseph Nass, pastor.

GRIFFITH, EUGENE. 77, April 4, 1989. Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Charles Martin, pastor.

HARSH, CARLTON E. 79, July 7, 1989. He was a member of the First Grace Brethren Church of Grafton, WV. Pastors Paul Mohler and Joseph Nass conducted the funeral service. Joseph Nass, pastor.

MARTIN, CHARLES. August 3, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. His pastoral ministry included Johnson City, TN; Sacramento, CA; Ashland, OH and 13 years at Johnstown. Pastors Charles Lawson, Tom Goossens, Don Rough and Harry Nonnemacher participated in the memorial service. Interment was at Covington, VA.

PITTMAN, COSY. 41, September 1, the wife of Pastor Earl Pittman. Funeral services were held on September 6 at the First Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH. Area ministers participated in the service, and the message was given by Rev. Dan Grabill. Testimonies were given by persons whose lives had been touched by Cosy. Burial was in Pittsburgh, PA.

SHARP, TOM. 36, August 2, missionary to Mexico. A memorial service was held at the Grace Brethren Church, Ankenytown, OH with Pastor Miller, Rev. Tom Julien and Marquerena participating. Testimonies given by family and friends.

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The possibilities of this world are almost unlimited. Turn loose a person with ideas, a lot of motivation and energy and you can get a lot of work completed. Sometimes the ideas are new and fresh. Other times they are old ideas with new approaches.

Then there are those who have ambitions and goals that I do not understand. Some people are motivated to do things I find to be strange. (They may think the same of me!) Recently I heard about a fellow who set a new record. He set out to break the record for bouncing a tennis ball on his head, and he was successful. The end result was he bounced the tennis ball 14,500 times without a miss. All previous records were shattered and this is to say nothing of the results on his head. One wonders what would have happened if bowling was his chosen sport rather than tennis!

You might say the fellow used his head in a very literal sense. There is another term for using your head -- it is simply common sense or wisdom. It is the ability to take information and knowledge and translate it into action. This may sound like an over-simplified term, but it is a quality that is lacking in so many of the things that we do.

Give two persons the same information and come back later and see the difference in results. One has some horse sense and the other is all tied up in the information. In the church we have the same problems. Educate two preachers and send them out. The results will vary a great deal. One may sit in his study and contemplate the great truths of the scripture. There are great truths but contemplation

without motivation leads to stagnation.

One fellow looks at the Great Commission and takes time to analyze the verb forms. The other fellow has won fifty people to Jesus in the same length of time. One possesses motivation and wisdom, the other is a student without direction.

There is enough knowledge in the Brethren Church to convert the world. There is enough knowledge to fill our years with contemplation, but we lack the ability to take that knowledge and make it work. There is a lack of motivation to get excited about the cause of Christ and see something happen. We plan, draw up endless outlines, publish volumes of material and have dozens of meetings. Then we find ourselves just about where we started -- at good old square one.

When are we going to begin translating some of the knowledge into motion? The membership of our churches declines while we pat ourselves on the back for our great dedication to truth. The world moves on and is going to hell and we can quote the scriptures to prove it.

Where are the people who will stand in the gap and turn a few of these folks back toward God? We are bouncing tennis balls on our heads and counting the new records, but little is being accomplished for God.

Do not despair, there is hope. Wisdom is God-given by request. If you lack it, ask for it!



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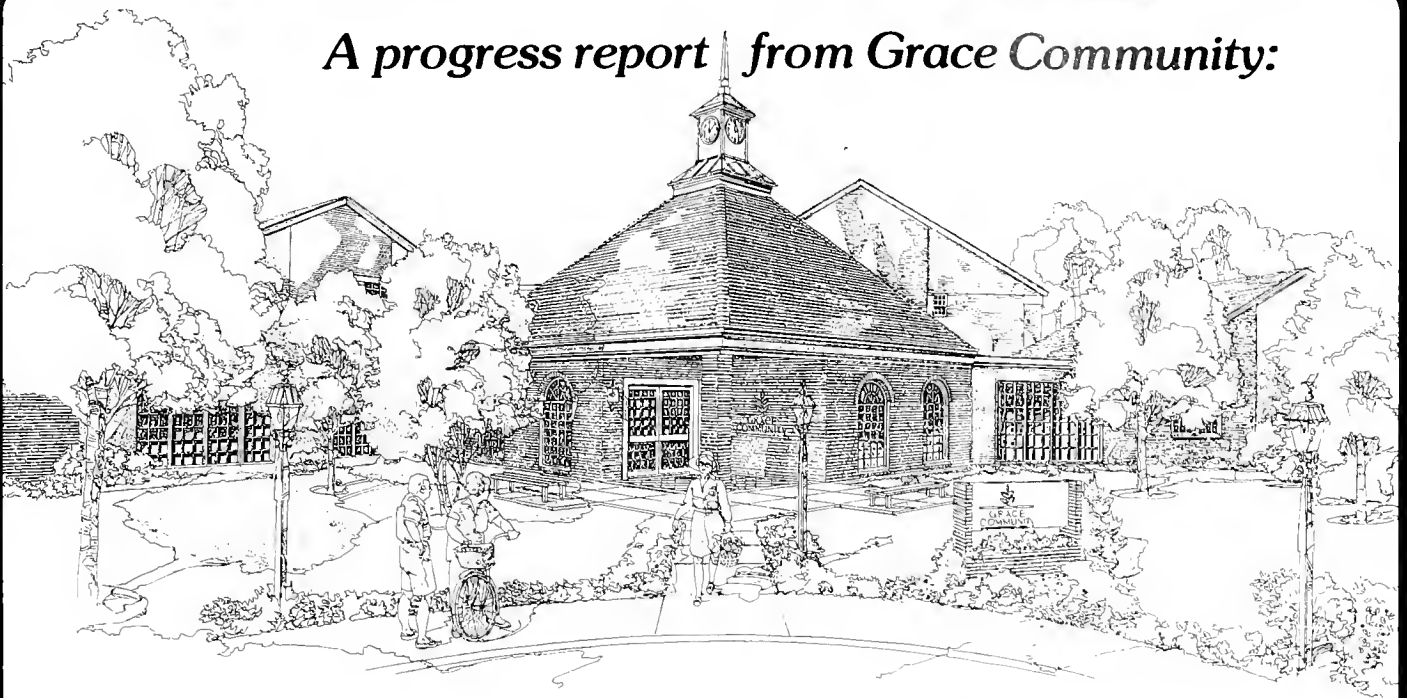
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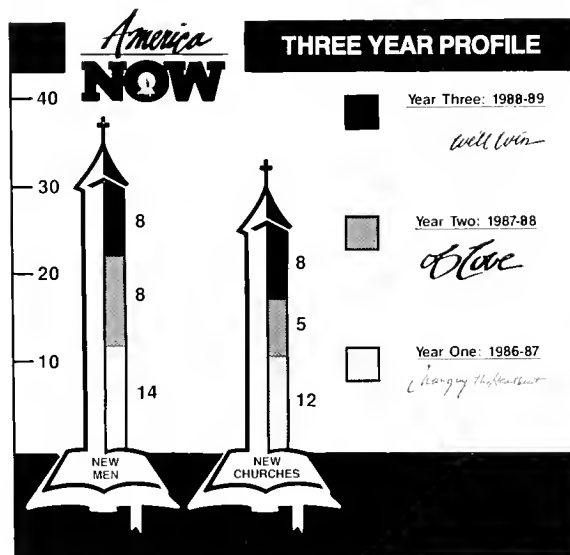
A REPORT ON:

America NOW

In 1986 Grace Brethren Home Missions announced the AMERICA NOW program, a five year campaign for church expansion.

At the 50th annual conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, July 30-August 3, 1989 in Winona Lake, IN, a progress report was given on the campaign.

In the first year, 1986-87, under the theme "Changing the Heartbeat," fourteen new men were involved in pioneering new churches and twelve new Grace Brethren Churches were launched across America.



During year two, 1987-88, with the theme "A Demonstration of Love," eight new men were added to the list of church pioneers and five new churches were started.

"Together We'll Win" was the theme for year three, 1988-89. Eight more new men began pioneering church work and eight new churches were born in our Fellowship of churches. (See accompanying graph.)

As a review of America Now campaign's third year which concluded at the end of June, here is a brief report on the top churches begun or adopted by the Home Missions Council since the 1988 FGBC conference in southern California. They are a demonstration that "Together We (Can) Win!"

Bob and Iris Soto returned to their hometown just a few miles north of the Mexican border late last summer to launch a new Grace Brethren Church. Services began in rented quarters on January 8 this year in what the newspaper recently called the "poorest town" in the U.S., located just a few miles north of the Mexican border with Texas at its southernmost tip.

Pastor Soto's personal involvement in the lives of people has resulted in decisions for Christ, including a young couple who had been having marital problems and a teenage boy who nearly lost his life in a motorcycle accident. Current attendance increased to about 40 people during their first year of growth.



Bob Soto

The Lake County Grace Brethren Church is unique in several respects, perhaps, but the most unusual may be that she is the daughter of another Home Missions Church. Pastor Ron Boehm and his congregation at the Western Reserve Grace Brethren Church in Macedonia, Ohio, have a vision for reaching people and starting new churches.

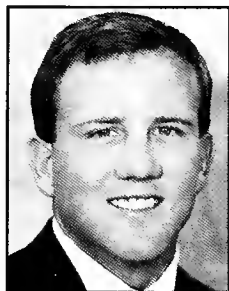
In partnership with the Northeast Ohio District Mission Board and the Home Missions Council, the daughter church at Willoughby, Ohio, began last fall under the leadership of Pastor Joe Cosentino and his wife Melinda. Attendance averaged 35 in the second quarter of this year and home Bible study "Action groups" have been organized.



Joe Cosentino

In recent years the Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, California, has started six churches, some of which have ethnic congregations. One of

those new starts is in Moreno Valley, CA, where a team approach has been taken for church leadership. After serving on staff at the mother church, Pastors Chris Suitt and Mikal Smith were commissioned to start the new work.



Chris Suitt

Moreno Valley is east of Long Beach towards the desert, and is one of the fastest growing communities in America. Largely a bedroom community, its residents commute one to two hours daily each way to their jobs in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

To be at the cutting edge of church planting and to meet the needs of the people in this unique setting, the church began meeting on Saturday evenings because no facilities were available on Sundays. During the summer they met in a home for Sunday morning services, and have now moved into a rented school for Sunday meetings. They have a constituency of about 40 people.



Mike Smith

Another outgrowth of the Long Beach church is pastored by Pastor Greg Perry who had been involved in a singles ministry at the mother church and is beginning the M.Div. program at Grace Seminary West. The new church has begun in his home and has been focusing on the unreached people in his neighborhood.

Just recently the group has secured a public meeting place in the area. A core of about 30 people are involved in this promising urban work. They have requested administrative oversight from the Council without financial support.

Redlands, California

After graduation from Grace Seminary in 1987, Mitch Cariaga and his wife Susan started a Grace Brethren Church in southern California's Inland Empire. Early this year, the congregation requested the assistance of the Council.

The Cariagas are joined on staff by John Raymond who directs drama presentations which are used each Sunday to illustrate the theme or application of the Bible preaching. This unique and effective ministry is bearing fruit in orange grove country. Its great potential for growth is hampered by facility needs as the congregation increases.

More than 30 have been added to the group this year already with a goal of 40 adults added by the end of the year. Total number of people in the core group is approaching 100. Attendance averages were breaking all records in the second quarter.

Albuquerque, New Mexico's population expansion has moved away from the two Grace Brethren churches which once ministered there. One of those churches has dissolved, and the other requested the assistance of Home Missions in the relocation and development of the work in the Rio Rancho area of the city. At present, lay members are carrying on the ministry at La Mesa Grace Brethren Church while awaiting God's sending of a pastor.

The Grace Brethren Church of Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem, PA, saw the need for expansion further into their county. Former Pastor Dave Hitchman and his congregation, in cooperation with the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board, and the Home Missions Council, launched the Grace Brethren Church of Southern Lehigh Valley, and Bill and Adele Crabbs have assumed leadership of this new church.

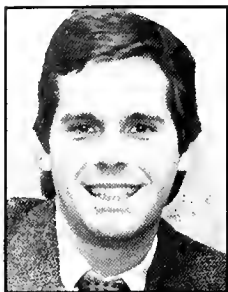
Record attendances of 27 and then 28 were recorded in July, and those records were broken with 31 in August. Expectations are high for the fall program.

They say that you can't keep a good man down. Dr. Lester Pifer, former Executive Secretary in the Home Missions office, retired to Florida in 1985. He immediately began to teach a Bible class which developed into the Bradenton Grace Brethren Church.

Retiring from that work in mid-1989, Pastor Pifer began another Bible class in North Port, Florida, and a church has been organized there, cooperatively supported by the Florida Suncoast District and the Home Missions Council. The congregation includes a number of Brethren families in the area. Already there is a membership of 14, and attendance has reached 20.

The group is in the process of purchasing a building for a meeting place and worship center.

Steve Makofka and his family moved to Philadelphia, PA, after his graduation from Grace Seminary last year. He interned on the staff of the Third Brethren Church there with Pastor Steve Blake. From the very beginning, the purpose of the internship was to prepare for the launching of an inner city church.



Steve Makofka

The Makofkas bought a home during the summer and began making contacts in the Fishtown area of Philadelphia. An offering was received at the FGBC Conference last summer to provide start-up funds for the new work. The first public services of the Liberty Grace Brethren Church were held in September.

The pastors and people of three established Grace Brethren churches in the Yakima Valley of Washington State became burdened for the

growing Hispanic population in the area. They banded together to begin a ministry to the Spanish-speaking people, and God led a man to the field to take the leadership. The Council adopted the ministry, and Pastor Abner Solano, a native of Nicaragua, has become the pastor.

Solano has already started five Bible studies in the Sunnyside, Mabton, and Grandview areas of the Valley. The first public worship service was held on June 11 with 24 adults in attendance. Pastor Solano's vision is to see 200 baptized believers within four years.



Abner Solano

At the Cutting Edge!

These new churches would not have been possible, of course, if it had not been for the vision, cooperation, and support of local churches and district mission boards. Generous donors to Grace Brethren Home Missions played a significant role, too. The third year campaign theme, "Together We'll Win," was clearly illustrated in the team effort that resulted in ten new churches.

The theme for the fourth year is "America Now: At the Cutting Edge." Already, new efforts are beginning this fall in Anchorage, AK; the northeast Columbus, OH area; and greater Seattle, WA. All are at the cutting edge of people needs.

We can respond and move to the cutting edge of evangelism and church planting only as God's people provide the means through their fervent praying and sacrificial giving.

Plans are being made now for other new points including Richmond, Virginia, site of the 1990 FGBC National Conference. An expansion in the number of churches planted calls for a greater

commitment to prayer. Pray for the sponsoring churches and cooperating district mission boards. Especially remember to pray for the pastors of new home missions churches and their corps of pioneer lay people working with them as church planters.

There must also be a great increase in the financial support of the Home Missions Council to finance these projects. Churches are requesting assistance, district mission boards are investigating prospective fields, and opportunities are abounding. But we can respond and move to the cutting edge of evangelism and church planting only as God's people provide the means through their fervent praying and sacrificial giving. Our Home missionaries and their people are grateful for your help!



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Muslims Mean Business

"Ibrahim has left the Muslim faith. Pray that he will see his error and return to the faith. If you should see him persuade him to reconsider his decision." An announcement like this was broadcast across the public radio system in Yaloke, Central African Republic last year.

Ibrahim had become a Christian and the Imam, the leader of the Muslims in Yaloke, did not like it at all. Not only had he become a Christian, but he had taken his wife and child along to the Grace Brethren Church! He had "polluted" their minds too which was an even worse sin than "polluting" his own mind. The Imam was very disappointed because Ibrahim, a very intelligent young man, had studied in several Muslim schools and showed potential as a leader. At 2 A.M. the next morning, the Imam ordered several large Muslim men to "help" Ibrahim move to the Imam's compound (the Arabs have houses surrounded by mats which they call a compound) so he could watch Ibrahim more closely. They loaded his wife and child and all his possessions into a push cart and took them back to the compound.

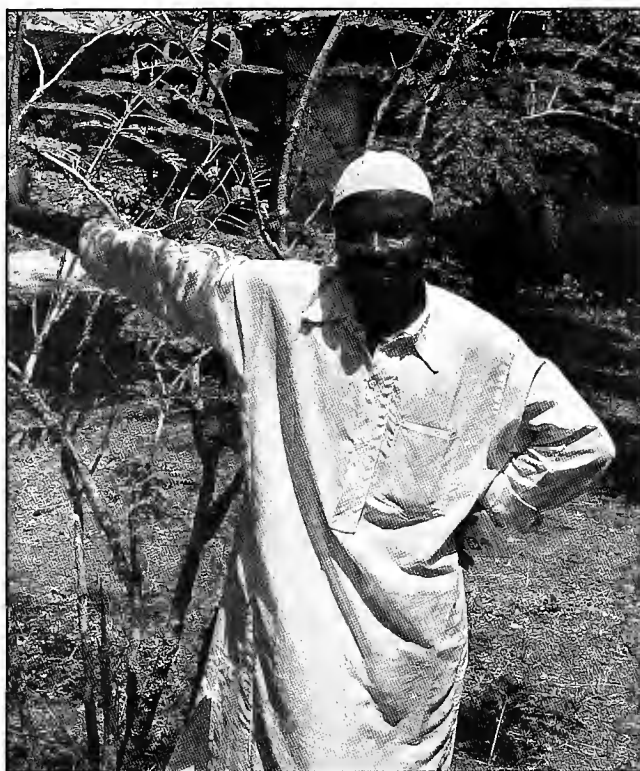
The next day the Muslims gave him a ceremonial cleansing -- they shaved all the hair off his body. They prayed over Ibrahim and explained to him that if he did not return to the faith, he would go to hell.

Because Ibrahim had committed his life to Christ and had rejected the beliefs of the religion, the Muslims considered him dead. But they had spent an extensive amount of time teaching and training Ibrahim as a Muslim, they wanted to try and salvage his education.

They told him that if he did not reject Christianity and return to the Muslim faith, he had one of three choices: 1) insanity induced by a drug overdose, 2) death by disease with which they would infect him, or 3) murder. They tried to make him change his mind but he could not be persuaded. (It is the responsibility of all the Muslims to persuade him to come back or to do away with him before he has the opportunity to "pollute" others.) Despite Ibrahim's unwavering stand for Christ, they finally released him with a warning to never return to the white witch doctor's station again.

It seems the Muslims had been unsuccessful in their efforts to deter Ibrahim because not only did he return to the Yaloke station, but he also brought along a young man to "pollute" with God's Word.

After this meeting, Ibrahim disappeared for a few days. The missionaries guess that the Imam



Ibrahim

probably called him back to the compound for more prayers, warnings and threats.

Ibrahim wanted to go with Jim Hocking to Flambeau camp, a youth camp, so he could study more of God's Word. Jim offered to pick him up outside of town so Ibrahim would not be in any danger from the Muslims. But Ibrahim said, "No problem. I'll meet you in town. Just stop and I'll get on." Says Jim Hocking of Ibrahim, "I admire his courage and his willingness to share his testimony with those around him no matter what the cost."

At camp Ibrahim moved about the group sharing his experiences and diligently studying the Word of God. He stayed the whole week. His desire to learn the Bible impressed the pastors and youth leaders and became a personal challenge to them to feel the same passion for the Lord and His Word.

After camp Ibrahim wanted to go to Bangui to get in contact with his parents who were Muslims. He said "I've got to let them know what has happened. I've got to let them know about the truth." When he got to Bangui his first attempts at contact were unsuccessful so finally he simply put a

message on the public radio saying that he was in town and wanted to see them. Two days later his parents arrived in town. They told Ibrahim that they had left immediately upon hearing his message on the radio. They also told him that two months earlier they too had accepted Christ and had been looking for Ibrahim so they could share the good news with him. It was a joyful reunion.

Ibrahim began the process of getting papers for him and his family to leave the country. All this time he was constantly sought and harassed by the Arabs. However, the Lord protected his life and finally Ibrahim acquired the official papers that were necessary to leave the country. He left for the Cameroon where he began studying in the Bible Institute.

Werner Kammler and Ibrahim kept in contact and when the time came for Werner and his family to return to their home in Switzerland, Ibrahim came to see them off. But, he did not come empty handed. He brought along a young man named Ahmed. He was the vice-president of the National Islamic Youth Organization and a professor at the Islamic Institute in Bangui. Ahmed saw Ibrahim, alive and well, serving Christ and witnessing among his own brothers without any fear of death. He knew what kinds of punishment the Muslims used. He asked Ibrahim, "What kind of magic have you been using in order to stay alive?"

"I admire his courage and his willingness to share his testimony with those around him no matter what the cost."

Ibrahim said, "I haven't been using any magic. It's the Lord Jesus Christ who has protected me." It was this testimony that convinced Ahmed that he really did need to make a decision for Christ. Ahmed has been searching for three to four years for something different. He realized that something was lacking in the Muslim religion. He didn't know exactly what it was, but the Muslims didn't have it. Werner, Ibrahim and Ahmed talked for eight hours about the Bible, Christ and Christianity. At the end of the discussion, Ahmed said, "You have answered my questions and I can see clearly that Jesus is the Christ." With that he accepted Christ as his Savior.

It is going to be very difficult for Ahmed because he is a religious leader. He is required to lead the prayers at the meetings in the Muslim religious center, but he has stopped doing that. He even stopped participating in the prayer services (this is already beginning to cause problems for him).

Ahmed and Ibrahim both want to study God's word and how to teach it so that they can help

more of their Muslim brothers in Central Africa. It is their desire to evangelize and teach the Word of God to their own people. Says Ahmed, "There are 5 or 6 men that I know who are asking some of the same questions I was asking. I can't talk to them right now, but I need to come back and talk to them."

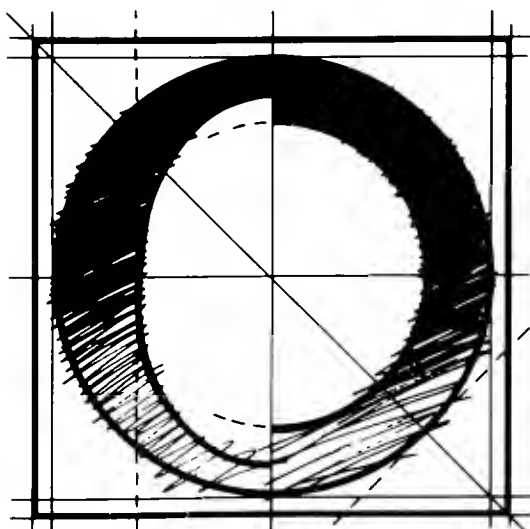
Ibrahim and his family have returned to Cameroon where he is continuing his studies in the Bible Institute.

Ahmed is seeking a way to study God's word in a school. He is still receiving persecution from the Muslims and discipleship from our missionaries and African pastors in Bangui.

Both of these men possess a courage that few of us are required to demonstrate here in the United States. Pray for continued boldness for these men and that the Lord will continue to protect them as they take a stand for Him among their Muslim brothers. ■

"I've been thinking lots lately about how we limit God. As I listen to conversations of believers, we box the ALMIGHTY! While reading the other day, I stumbled on this very thought -- 'We impoverish His ministry the moment we forget He is Almighty; the impoverishment is in us, not in Him. We will come to Jesus as Comforter or as Sympathizer, but we will not come to Him as Almighty Christ.' I guess that confirms what the preacher said last Sunday -- 'growing accustomed to God's goodness produces little or weak faith.' Only tests that stretch us into the impossible are the faith stretchers as we look beyond the waves and wind!"

-- Cheryl Kaufman



OPERATION LIFELINE

Don't forget!

How To Treat The Unbeliever

An Interview with Dr. Charles F. Stanley

• Most people work and live around those who are not Christians. Can you help define the responsibility of believers to their non-Christian associates?

A good starting point is to realize how the Bible describes the unbeliever. Although the popular evangelical term is lost, the Apostle Paul calls the unbeliever "an outsider" in several passages. Now that does not mean the unbeliever is outside the reach of God's grace, but it does mean that they are outside of the kingdom of God and membership in the family of God.

• Then a Christian is responsible to help bring the unbeliever to Jesus Christ.

He certainly is. The believer should do all he can -- trusting in the saving work of God's Spirit -- to lead a person to receive Christ as his Savior. He should then encourage him to join a local church where he may grow as a disciple through the preaching of Scripture and learn how to pass his faith on to others.

• Don't many Christians feel this is all the responsibility of pastors and church workers?

It often seems that way. Christians come to church thinking they will hear good preaching and experience warm fellowship. That is a part of the church's role -- but certainly not all. Pastors preach so that the hearers may be equipped by the Spirit to minister the truths of the Gospel to their unbelieving friends and acquaintances. It is only when the millions of church members begin personally sharing their faith with the tens of millions of "outsiders" that Christ's message is fully proclaimed. A few pastors cannot do the job.

• How does the Christian influence his unbelieving friend, co-worker, or neighbor?

Well, the Bible says to "conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders . . ." (Colossians 4:5). That means we must intelligently and sensitively communicate the reality of our faith in two very important areas -- our conduct and our conversation.

• That's why Christians are called "living epistles." (2 Corinthians 3:2)

Exactly. People verify the accuracy of the Gospel through its representatives. If our conduct betrays what people understand the Bible to promote, then they are not very likely to believe its content. Our

attitudes at work, the quality of our labor, and the character we display Monday through Saturday are direct evidences of our faith. Christ said, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). The light that Jesus alludes to is our behavior which Peter tells us to "keep . . . excellent" (1 Peter 2:12).

• In other words, they are to see something from their own value system?

The believer's behavior should be regulated by the code of God's Word which is His wisdom revealed. When an unbeliever sees such virtues as humility, patience, integrity, and faithfulness lived in a consistent manner, he witnesses godly wisdom at work. Our obedience to the principles of Scripture -- especially in the face of adversity -- speaks volumes of biblical truth to the unbeliever who probably has not opened a Bible for quite some time.

• You mentioned that our conversation was also an important factor in our relationship with the unbeliever.

Actions do speak louder than words, but our conversation tells others a great deal about our faith too. The old adage that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" is not true. Words do hurt, and they hurt so much that an offended person will have nothing to do with the one who wounds him with the sword of their lips.

• Our language conveys what lies in our hearts, doesn't it?

Yes. The believer who is always complaining and grumbling gives little evidence of the joy that should characterize his walk. How can a Christian -- who is saved, filled with the Spirit, and has a space reserved in heaven just for him -- gripe about anything? Gossip and backbiting should be poison to the believer. A Christian's speech should always be for the edification of the person who listens to him. God wants our speech to be wholesome because He knows the unbeliever will take notice of the difference. A Christian's tongue is a powerful instrument when used rightly -- a destructive one when used negatively.

• Everyone needs encouragement, don't they -- especially the non-Christian?

They really do. The world delights in stepping

STATISTICAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS REPORTED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	1988	1987	change
Professions of faith	4,061	4708	-647
Total Baptisms	2,427	2,362	+65

MEETING ATTENDANCES

Sunday Morning	41,973	40,758	+1,215
Sunday School	30,151	30,212	-61
Sunday Evening	16,610	17,111	-501

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership	39,856	40,624	-768
Trine-Immersed Members	35,806	31,186	+4,620

All Expenditures \$39,400,824 \$34,912,634 +\$4,488,190

U.S. CHURCHES

Total Number of Churches	318	325	-7
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CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

Number of churches operating schools	41	38	+3
Total Enrollment	10,573	6,901	+3,672

FOREIGN FIELD STATISTICS

Number of churches	721
Foreign field average attendance	194,534

How To Treat The Unbeliever

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on people to gain power or prestige. The Christian is an instrument of grace to everyone, including the unbeliever. When he speaks and acts with unconditional love, he is a compelling example of the grace of God that is offered in salvation. The unbeliever often feels as if nobody cares -- nobody loves them. When we minister to them kindly through our deeds and words, we can show them that someone does care, and we care because the love of God is being poured out through us.

• **So the Christian cannot put on "airs" before the unbeliever. He should not act in a haughty manner.**

We are saved by grace through faith. It was God's

grace toward us that prompted our faith so that we have nothing to boast about. That same grace is offered to "the outsider" who is no different than we were before we received Christ. We must learn to accept the non-Christian as he is, asking God to change him. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. (Romans 5:6) He did not wait for us to reach some point of perfection because we never could. Your unbelieving friend may be lost, but he is loved by Christ Who calls us to manifest His love to the unbelieving world. ☞

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Across the Street Around the World

by Gladys Deloe, Winona Lake (IN) GBC WMC

I've always admired people who could name a group and have the acronym spell a word . . . or have several names for the initials.

In this short cut world of ours, we tend to forget the names we've given and just use the letters . . . like W.M.C. I want to remind you that W.M.C. stands for more than Women Manifesting Christ. MISSIONARY is our middle name!!

This year's program emphasis on missions can help your WMC get back on the missions track. A big thanks to the program committee who prepared a year of material which can be designed to fit any group -- big or small -- in a new or established church.

With these materials, you can:

- **learn** about the mission fields where Grace Brethren have ministries
- get **inside** the hearts and minds of our sisters who live and serve in foreign cultures
- have **specific prayer requests** to use for each field
- become personally **involved** in the lives of YOUR missionaries.

If your WMC takes advantage of the information provided, it can be a great missions organization -- locally and nationally. You may need to begin an in-depth women's Bible study to meet the needs

of young Christians who should be disciplined. A mother's club can be a great outreach ministry in your neighborhood . . . as well as a wonderful assist to your own moms.

WMC isn't designed for either of these. **It's a MISSIONS organization!!** Make it the best missions group it can be!

One local WMC began this missions year by borrowing the theme "Across The Street . . . Around the World" from the missions conference pages as a spring board for their program format. The setting was a carry-in salad supper. The tables were inviting with baskets of apples and ivy as centerpieces and cheery red plastic ware and napkins. The officers were in charge of the meeting and each served as a hostess at one table. The "field in focus" was Central Africa . . . so the program covers had a beautiful butterfly. (Thanks to the drawing from the packet!)

The "program" began during the meal with the use of some of the 'zingers' provided in the packet. The "Across the Street" portion of the evening included the testimony of an excited young Christian who is seeing the Lord work in her life every day. Current missions songs . . . "People Need The Lord" and "Carry The Light", ministered to each one.

The group was challenged to read the year's books when the literature chairman reviewed them and then presented a copy to each of three gals who had butterfly stickers on their programs.

Local prayer requests followed. The prayer chairman reviewed the week's prayer chain requests and shared how the Lord had answered. What an encouragement! As the group divided in twos there were five minutes of concentrated prayer for church and individual needs.

When the group turned their thoughts "Around the World", they heard another song of challenge . . . "What if Someone Hadn't Shared with Me?" The scripture from Romans chapter ten asked the piercing question, "How shall they hear unless someone preaches to them?"

An in-person interview of a "live" missionary always beats a written report! This group was privileged to have two women supported by the church in the area on home ministries. (If you don't have 'live ones', call one of "your" missionaries on

ACROSS THE STREET . . .

Sue Sings
 Tara's Testimony
 Read, Read, Read!
 Pray! Pray! Pray!

Announcements
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. . . AROUND THE WORLD

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 A word from The Word
 What's a Missionary Mother to do??
 Joining hearts with CAR
 "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go"

Meet Your Leaders
 Circles in circles



the phone and make a tape of the interview. It's very affordable and does worlds of good for the missionary and your WMC!

The other 'live' missionary had been asked to share from the devotional which was in the packet. She contrasted her "call" to the field with the veteran missionary to the CAR, Marie Mishler, who had written the devotional. The local WMC got a good picture of the life of a missionary mother as she showed a prepared slide-tape of her African homelife.

This exciting meeting was closed with another prayer time centered on the CAR. The prayer chairman had cut up the requests which were provided in the packet and placed one on each plate. The group again paired up and lifted up their hearts as one to the Lord, who loves the lost "across the street and around the world" from you.

Is MISSIONARY the middle name of your WMC? It should be!

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Educator of the Year Award:

Sue Larussa, GBC, Ashland, OH

Good Samaritan Recognition: (a new ministry to reach out to the community)
"Comforters for Christ", GBC of Columbus, Worthington, OH

Senior Medal of Ministry Award:

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Youth Group of the Year:

Union, OH

4-Star Sunday School Award: (Greatest growth using CE campaign)

Hackberry Hill GBC, Arvada, CO

DIVISION WINNERS IN PSA IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Programmed Statistical Analysis)

First Place:

Div. A (400-699) Wooster, OH	Div. G (85-114) Ashland, OH
Div. B (300-399) Anchorage, AK	Southview
Div. C (220-299) LaVerne, CA	Div. H (68-84) Findlay, OH
Div. E (140-174) Long Beach, CA	Division (44-65) Millersburg, OH
Los Altos	Div. J (1-43) Cypress, CA
Div. F (115-139) Delaware, OH	

Second Place:

Div. A Temple Hills, MD	Div. G Chambersburg, PA
Div. C Columbus, OH Eastside	Div. H Middlebranch, OH
Div. E Huber Heights, Dayton, OH	Div. I Sebring, FL
Div. F Ephrata, PA	Div. J Troutdale, OR

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(based on a growth rate of at least 8% over a 2 year period of time)

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Artic Anchorage, AK	N. Cent. Ohio Findlay, OH
E. Cent. Florida Orange City, FL	N. East. Ohio Millersburg, OH
Deltona	North West Troutdale, OR
Indiana Indianapolis, IN	S. Cal-Arizona Cypress, CA
Iowa-Midlands Dallas Center, IA	S. Florida Sebring, FL
Mid-Atlantic Chambersburg, PA	S. Ohio Dayton, OH
Mountain-Plains Portis, KS	Huber Heights

Second Place:

Iowa-Midlands Leon, IA	N. East. Ohio Middlebranch, OH
Mid-Atlantic Temple Hills, MD	North West Mabton, WA
N. Atlantic Island Pond, VT	S. Cal-Arizona Long Beach, CA
N. Cent. Ohio Delaware, OH	Los Altos

Sunday School of the Year Award Winner Los Altos, CA
 Nominees:

Delaware, OH	Los Altos, CA
Temple Hills, MD	Wooster, OH

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Wooster, OH

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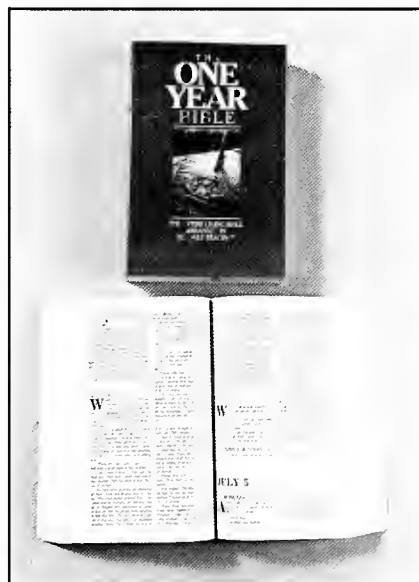
-- Charles W. Turner

We hold seminars, give lectures, preach and encourage people to live the Christian life. I am certain that if we could all get back to reading the Bible each day it would do a lot to keep us closer to God.

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Rafting Excursion

On August 25, a group of men from the New England Grace Brethren Churches (Irasburg and Island Pond, VT; Hartford, CT; Brunswick, ME; and Palmer, MA, along with the respective pastors) joined together for a White-Water Rafting Excursion. Upon arrival at the camp site, the men were treated to a great meal of steak and lobster prepared by the Brunswick men. After an exciting ride down the Kennebec River the men enjoyed another delicious meal of steak and lobster. The devotional times were led by Pastors Dale Jenks and Darrell Taylor, followed by a time of fellowship and prayer.

All the men involved in this weekend will not soon forget God's goodness as ties were definitely strengthened between the churches and the relationships between the men were either established or further bonded by the fantastic times of prayer and fellowship.

Exciting Summer at Waipio

Pastor Dave Mitchell of Waipio Grace Brethren Church, Wahiawa, HI, had a lot of help with members of his church who served in the church during the summer. The list includes: one family who was formerly with Missionary Tech; one family training with New Tribes Missions; one gentleman serving with Campus Crusade; one Army Chaplain (Capt. Charles Card); and one Seminary family in training at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN, for the ministry.

For a church of approximately 130, this was an exciting summer. The Waipio Grace Brethren Church also has another family serving in Papua, New Guinea who will be returning on furlough next February. It certainly

pays off to be a missions-minded church. Victor Wyman, a Grace College graduate and now a student at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN, has been called as an associate pastor for the next two summers. Dave Mitchell, pastor.

MARRIAGES

BANTER: Lisa Holland and Jeff Banter were married on July 15, 1989, in the Ghent Grace Brethren Church of Roanoke, VA. Rev. Steve Edmonds, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL; and Rev. Nathan Leigh, pastor at the Ghent Grace Brethren Church of Roanoke, VA, officiated.

BARGE: Margaret Burkhardt and William Barge were united in marriage at the Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, IN. Larry Edwards, pastor.

GRANT: Carolyn Boone and Stacy Grant were married on July 15, 1989, at the Grace Brethren Church, Eagle River, AK. Chris Hay, pastor.

MAYLE: Doris Thorn and Bernard Mayle were married at the First Grace Brethren Church of Grafton, WV. The ceremony was performed by Paul Mohler, interim pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Accident, MD. Joe Nass, pastor.

SPICER: Christy Eshleman and James Spicer were married on July 22, 1989 at the Grace Brethren Church of Elizabethtown, PA. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Daniel Eshelman, pastor.

DEATHS

ARMETROUT, RALPH, passed away on July 11, 1989, at the age of 84. He was a faithful deacon and trustee of the Grace Brethren Church of Telford, TN. Mike Wingfield, pastor.

CLARK, MARION, passed away on April 12, 1989, at the age of 71. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Peru, IN. Ron Bowland, pastor.

DeBOLT, LUELLA, passed away on April 27, 1989. Pastor Larry Edwards, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, IN, conducted the service.

GILLIOM, FRANCES M. She passed away on July 30, 1989, at the age of 73. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, FL. Steve Edmonds, pastor.

LLOYD, THOMAS E., Jr., 70, January 24, 1989. He had been Sunday School superintendent and treasurer of the deacon board, Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA.

SHUGARS, GLADYS, 86, March 8, 1989. She was the last child of the Emanuel K. Miller family. Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA.

SPRUNGER, JEFF. He was killed in a one-car accident on June 26, 1989, at the age of 19. A memorial service was held at the Bethel Brethren Church in Berne, IN. Larry Edwards, pastor.

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Rev. and Mrs. True L. Hunt (above) recently observed their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. An open house was held in honor of the occasion.

They have three daughters: Mrs. Janet George of Chalk Hill, Mrs. Pam Chaney of Uniontown, and Mrs. Nancy Glover of McClellandtown.

Mr. Hunt is a graduate of Bob Jones University and Grace Theological Seminary. He is the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Uniontown, PA.

Receives Degree

Pastor Charles Davis of the Ocala Grace Brethren Church, Ocala, FL, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburgh, IN, on August 12, 1989. His major curriculum core area was in pastoral ministry.

Pastor Davis was saved in 1964 in the Riverside (since changed to River City) Grace Brethren Church in Sacramento, CA, and was called to the ministry in 1968. He served as youth pastor at the Brookville, OH, Grace Brethren Church for two years and for fourteen years served as the senior pastor of Grace Brethren Churches in Ohio and Florida.

Pastor Davis has been the founder of two different Christian schools: Grace Christian Schools, Okeechobee, Florida; and Grace Christian Schools, Brookville, Ohio. He has served on the board of CE National, and is currently president of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries. Dr. Davis is also secretary-treasurer of the East Central Florida District Ministerium.

The Grace Brethren Church of Lakeland, FL, (below) held their first Bible School on July 10, 1989, with approximately 60 children in attendance. As many as 71 people attended the closing program. Everyone enjoyed the school which proved very successful. Submitted by Cheryl Underwood. James Taylor, pastor.



NEWS

John Smith from Coraopolis, PA has accepted the call to be the senior pastor of the Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church. He began his new duties on September 1.

The Grace Brethren Church of Wooster, OH, will host an Evangelism Explosion International Clinic, October 20-25, 1989. It's an opportunity for training that will help



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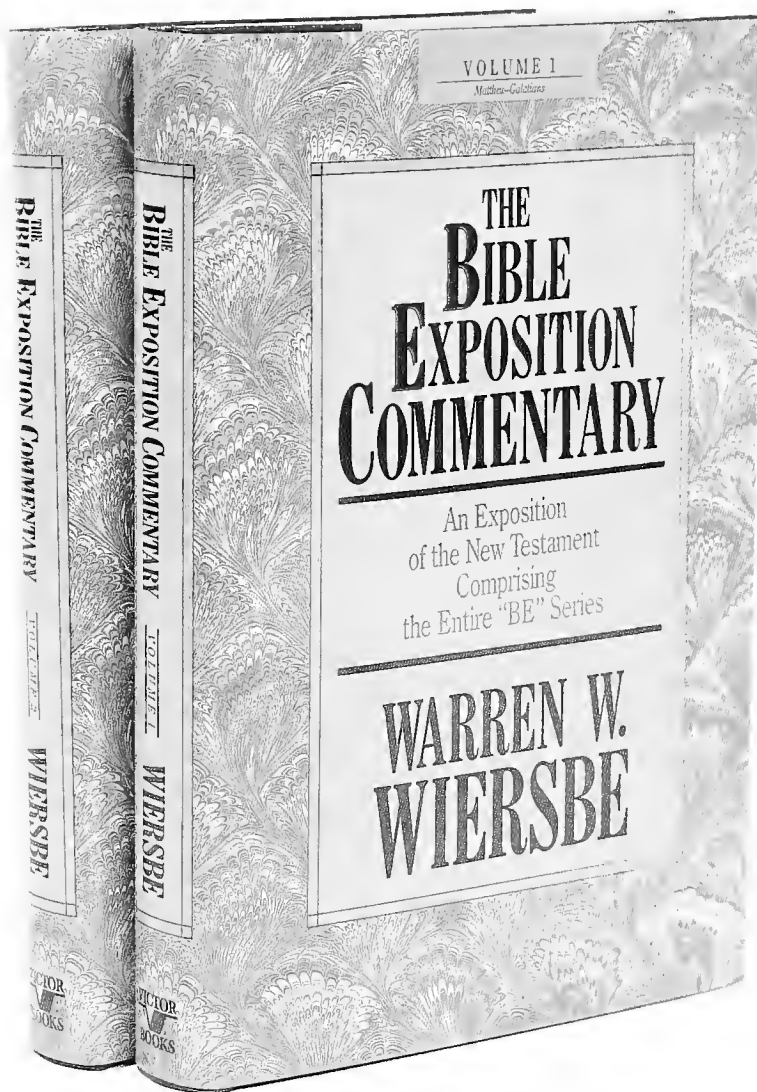
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The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches have set before them a great challenge to be accomplished in ten years. By this time I trust that you have heard of the FGBC Strategy Committee. It is a group of individuals who are seeking to lead the Fellowship in a task so big that it is difficult to imagine.

I hope that you read the July, 1989 issue of the *Herald* -- It set forth the goals of the committee for the next ten years. The goals came from a group that gathered several years ago in Winona Lake to discuss the future of the Grace Brethren Fellowship. At the conclusion of the meeting, some of the ideas were put down on paper. Several years have passed and we now have the goals and ideas in a tangible form.

The goals are to be reached by the turn of the century -- the year 2000. At the present time the goals have remained just that and a limited amount of time has been spent on how they will be accomplished. As is true in many aspects of life -- good intentions do not always assure good results. How to implement ideas is the true test of real accomplishment.

The six objectives of the Fellowship are: 1) Encourage personal fellowship with Christ. 2) Encourage personal evangelism. 3) To disciple leaders for present and future ministries in the FGBC. 4) To plant Grace Brethren Churches world-wide. 5) To develop clear communications for a healthy fellowship. 6) To set forth a strategy and implement vision throughout the fellowship.

All of the objectives may clearly be found in the scriptures. All of them may be found in some form in the fellowship at this time. The need to expand and implement them is the biggest task confronting the fellowship.

Changing the objectives into reality is the need and this means dedication to the Lord. We will need churches, finances and personnel to carry out this task.

The Churches

We will have to establish churches somewhere in the world on a consistent basis. In the United States we have been able to add 243 churches over the fifty year period or about 5 per year. On the foreign field we now have 721 churches.

The Financial Resources

It seems that if we are realistic we must bring up the matter of how to

pay for the brick, mortar, land and compensation for the workers. It is not unspiritual to talk about money. It is an important part of church growth. We used to depend on a member of our church or a local citizen to give the land for a church. Now, land and buildings run into big dollars -- a Southern California acre is a big outlay. Even in the little town of Warsaw, Indiana an acre of land can run tens of thousands of dollars.

Missionaries in foreign countries are faced with costs undreamed of a few years ago. The expense of sending a missionary to Japan is not like the old days of shipping a missionary off to Africa. I was going through an old *Herald* recently and found that if a child was born to a missionary couple on the field, \$50.00 would be added annually to their salary to care for this new expense. If we are to execute our foreign and domestic missionary enterprises, we must change our attitude towards giving. This must become a priority as far as our material resources are concerned.

The Human Resources

Again, an important resource for carrying out the objectives of the fellowship will be the human resources. Just 1 unit (pastor, leader) per church will mean many new pastors or missionaries to oversee the new churches. If teams of workers are used to open new areas on the foreign and domestic scene, the number of workers needed would jump considerably. In view of the numbers being trained now and with the loss of present full-time workers, we face a huge task.

We have not mentioned the divine resources needed as yet. No man sets out to build a tower without first sitting down to count the cost, and unfinished towers are not great testimonies to God. Remember, Brethren, "60,000 in Sunday School by 1960"? We are 30 years beyond the time and just a bit over half-way to the goal.

I have put forth some thoughts to provoke your thinking. The task is attainable with all of the dedication possible in the National Fellowship. Is that dedication there? Is it possible to fire the imaginations and love of God within the Brethren to set out towards the goal? Spiritual progress like all progress comes at a high cost. This venture will be the same. I trust that it will happen, but I must first ask myself what I am willing to do to see it accomplished. Are you ready with the same question?



The Biggest Challenge Ever . . . in the Next Ten Years

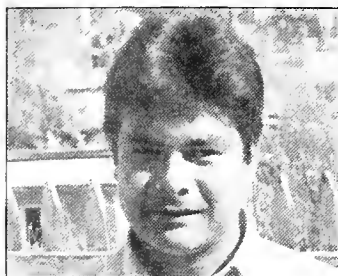
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Thanks. -- CWT

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Mexico: New Life for an Old Country

Mexico is a country rich in history. Since before the time of Christ, Mexico has been populated by Indian nations like the Teotihuacan, Olmec, Mixteca, Maya and Aztec. The fierce Aztec nation was conquered by the Spanish in 1510. They brought with them their language and religion which still dominates Mexico today.

About 88 percent of the people in Mexico consider themselves Catholic and 3 percent is Protestant, but there is a strong undercurrent of Indian tribal religions and spiritism. In recent years, the Protestant-Evangelical population has increased. There is religious freedom of worship in Mexico, but there are some restrictions: churches may not own land or take part in politics and foreigners may not pastor churches.

Within this country is one of the oldest and youngest cities in this hemisphere, Mexico City. The city was built by Cortez in 1521 A.D. after he conquered the Aztecs who had been there since 1300 A.D. This city with 20 million people has one of the youngest median ages, fourteen. Today Mexico City is the largest and fastest growing city in the world. It is estimated by the year 2000 there will be 31 million people in the city. It is to this city that Grace Brethren Foreign Missions has sent Brenda Welling, Martin and Kristy Guarena, and Bess Farrell, an intern.

It has been said that children are the key to the future. This is especially true in Mexico City and Brenda Welling has been using that key to unlock the future of Christianity. Says Brenda, "Kids are just thirsting for someone to care about them -- somebody to love them." In addition to working with children, Brenda also works with the Mexican women through Bible studies.

In a recent letter Brenda wrote, "We are rejoicing to see that 10 children and 3 adults were recently saved. It's encouraging to see God works in the young and old. The three adults that were saved were over 70 years old."



Brenda Welling

One Life Touches Many



Tom Sharp loved the Mexicans and baseball.

Tom Sharp, missionary to Mexico, died August 24th after a year-long battle with cancer. Testimonies offered at the memorial service revealed the life-long love this man had for Mexico, its people and baseball. During 1989 Tom had the privilege of helping to dedicate a meeting place at Otay Mesa (Tijuana) where he had served the Lord

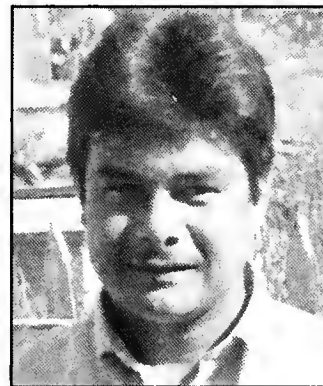
before being stricken with cancer. His testimony affected countless Mexicans for the Lord. He spoke to those who gathered at Winona Lake on July 27th for a missions banquet with words of great courage and faith for the future. The Lord chose to take him home. Who will take his place? Please pray for Suzie Sharp and the three children -- Cristi, Amanda, and Benjamin -- who are living at Bellville, OH.

CHANGED LIVES

Jose

Jose Luis Gonzalez is a former gang member who lives in Tijuana, Mexico. His life changed when he met some of GBFM's "soccer players."

On his way home from work, Jose often stopped to play soccer with some of the gang members. But while walking home one day in July, he noticed something unusual -- Americans were playing too. Jose decided to join



Jose Luis Gonzalez

the game. Afterwards, the Americans invited the gang to attend a church service that evening.

The gang returned to their usual "hang-out" to smoke and laugh about the church invitation, but Jose said "After I finish my cigarette, I'm going to the service." The group only laughed more and began to mock him. This did not deter Jose and he went to the service.

The next day when Jose stopped to play soccer the Americans were there again. When the game was over, one of the missionaries shared the gospel with him and asked if he would like to accept Christ. That day Jose asked Jesus into his heart.

Says Jose, "Each day I counted the minutes until I could spend time with the missionaries and learn more about God. Praise the Lord that I have been able to serve Him in the church. I have been baptized and I help to lead the music in the church. My desire is that I might be able to help others to come to know Jesus as their Savior."

Sandra

My name is Sandra Luz Zamudio. When I was 20, I became a member of the Municipal Police in the city of Tijuana, Mexico, where I live. I was married and had a son, Mario, 2, and a daughter, Enrique, 1.

Our family laughed and cried together. We were all very close, but my son, Mario, was especially close to me. In fact, I swore that if anything ever happened to Mario that I would die.

For two years it seemed like everything in my life was going smoothly. Then one night Mario got sick. He had a headache and a fever. After a few days, my husband and I began to get worried because the fever didn't break. His temperature soared. We were very concerned so we finally took him to the doctor. Three days passed and he didn't show any signs of recovery. We took him to some other doctors, but they didn't know what the problem was.

We returned home and put him in bed with us. All of a sudden Mario grabbed my hand really tight. My husband turned on the light and we saw that Mario was having convulsions. We knew we had to get him to a doctor immediately. Since we



Sandra Luz Zamudio

didn't have a car, my husband flagged down a car. Graciously the man rushed us to the hospital. The only medical attention Mario received that night was an IV solution because there were no doctors on call. We stayed all night and kept watch so that he wouldn't shake the needle out of his arm. A doctor arrived in the morning and said that Mario had meningitis and that we should take him to another hospital because there wasn't room for him there.

We took him to the hospital that the doctor recommended to us. We agreed to get some rest and return the next day at visiting hours. Sometime during the night my son died.

In two weeks I changed drastically. I became very bitter. I didn't like anyone, not even my youngest child. Every chance I had to give someone a ticket, I did. I made life miserable for everyone. I gave so many tickets that I got first prize in the department. I thought, "Who cares? I miss my Mario."

My husband knew some people who studied the Bible. He asked them how he could help me. The missionaries told him to talk to me about Christ and salvation. One night my husband began to read the Bible to me. He read verse after verse. I did not respond that night.

Seven years went by and I "prayed" for another boy just like Mario. Instead God gave me two daughters.

We moved to an apartment in another part of Tijuana. The owners were Christians. They asked me if my kids could go to church, I said, "Yes" and since I was curious I went, too. I heard about how Christ died on the cross for our sins. All that we had to do was accept Him as Savior.

I accepted Christ as my Savior that afternoon. My life changed. I love my husband and my kids again. I feel a peace that I had never known. The bitterness is gone and I can love others because of Christ and what He has done for me.

NATIONALS LEAD

Because of the laws in Mexico pertaining to foreigners pastoring churches, it is necessary for our missionaries to train the nationals to pastor the churches as soon as possible. A training program for new believers and for those called to the pastorate has been used since GBFM's work began in Mexico.

It has taken several different forms: live-in students, night classes for laymen, extension classes, and correspondence studies. The current phase is under the direction of Mexican leadership with some missionary cooperation. A key to expansion into other areas of Mexico is men called of God, disciplined to study, with a passion to preach the Word.

There are now 13 Grace Brethren churches in Mexico pastored by nationals. Every Sunday in Mexico approximately 521 people gather for services in our Grace Brethren churches. Praise the Lord for the work He has begun and is continuing in Mexico.

We Are Thankful . . . for WMC!

MRS. W.A. (FRANCES) OGDEN

I have enjoyed every year I have been in WMC (of course that's been a long time you know). I appreciated the influence of Bible reading and prayer and I think that we can live without food for a long time, but you cannot live without water, so you need the water of the Word and my life has been enriched and I have profited by that insistance in WMC.



MRS. MARVIN (DOROTHY) GOODMAN

One of the most meaningful ways that our supporting churches remembered us was by writing letters which contained news of activities in the church and in the family of the one who wrote. It was good to be remembered on our birthdays and special occasions. When the children were small they enjoyed receiving a balloon in a card or a stick of gum. A care package with items that we could not obtain on the field was also special.

MRS. ROBERT (BERNICE) ASHMAN

WMC has meant a lot to me as I was National Treasurer for a while, and then my two daughters have been National Officers. I've been very thankful for the effect that WMC has had in their lives. In these days as a Pastor's wife, I am still very glad to have organized a new WMC at the Columbia City, IN Grace Brethren Church. I am very anxious to get the women into it.



MISS RUTH KENT

My home church gave me credit to buy what I wanted in a nice store when I came home. I knew they were all praying for me.



MRS. PAUL (ESTHER) DICK

I became associated with WMC in 1941. Mrs. Alice Kent, Mrs. W.A. Ogden, Mrs. Herman Koontz, along with several others, were the women who influenced me. I was a new pastor's wife in a Home Missions church and I think it impressed me very much that one of the most important things I could do as a Pastor's wife was show them the blessings of a WMC group. The Bible reading and prayer time were the most important things. I thank the Lord for the blessing of having these wonderful women who have worked so hard to make WMC what it is today.



MISS RUTH SNYDER

I was encouraged by receiving books and tapes, even from churches who were not supporting me financially. I am thankful for those people.

MRS. EARLE (ALICE) PEER

I'm so grateful for the privilege of being in WMC for so many years -- I'm Alice Peer, twin sister of Angie Garber. As far back as I can remember, my mother used to take us to Women's Missionary Council. We had to sing for the group -- one of the songs we sang was "Love Lifted Me."

MRS. ROY (RUTH) SNYDER

I am thankful for people writing to us. They also sent tapes of special events (women's retreats, etc.) and good music tapes. Church bulletins sent air mail were a special treat. Magazine subscriptions, or just a post card saying "we're praying for you" meant a lot. We thank God for people's faithfulness through the years.



MRS. TOM (DORIS) JULIEN

As a missionary mother I give thanks to God for WMC for many reasons: a subscription to a ladies journal, sending clever and crafty WMC made Christmas ornaments, tapes of worship services or a special cantata, sending gifts of stamps. My children

appreciated subscriptions to magazines (Back-to-the-Bible, Ranger Rick, etc.); and being remembered at holiday time with U.S. candy.

College age children were thankful for ladies keeping in touch with them in some tangible way. The first couple of years can be rough and they profit much by knowing that you are aware of them and showing involvement. During home ministries we appreciated having a food shower, the loan of a car, making available housing, giving a "welcome home reception" remembering especially each child with something they would really like. A very special memory for us was a Christmas shower to the children in the December WMC meeting. We are very thankful to WMC.

MRS. HAROLD (MARGUERITE) DUNNING

WMC and SMM have always meant a whole lot to me. I was never an SMM girl myself, because in Sunnyside, Washington, where my foster parents lived and where I grew up, we did not have an SMM. When I went to Moody Bible Institute after High School in 1933, I didn't know just how I was going to make it. I had a round trip ticket from Washington State to Chicago because it was

World's Fair time and it was cheaper to buy an excursion ticket. I told myself if the Lord didn't provide for me before that ticket expired, I would just return home. Well, the Lord provided and one of the special things was that it was the first year the SMM gave money to help missionary kids in their education. And that was a very special blessing!



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The Story of Glen Welborn

*Former Home Missions Pastor
and Longtime Pastor at Leon, Iowa*

by Larry N. Chamberlain

Glen Welborn was born in 1918. He nearly died in 1989.

"I was bleeding like a stuck pig . . . if you have a farming background like I have, you know what that means. I was black and blue, bleeding internally and externally. Cancer had spread into my bone marrow. I was on life support systems fighting for every breath. The doctors advised my family that I was beyond hope. I am told now that my family, one by one, said their good-byes. A nurse left the room, weeping. The doctors pulled the life support system and prepared for my immediate death. But God had other plans."

We are tempted to dramatize the miraculous. But the miracle which God performed in reviving Glen Welborn from his deathbed is but one moment in a lifetime of God's faithfulness to a choice servant.

One of nine children, Glen lived on a farm near Plymouth, Indiana, for most of his growing-up years. There was only nominal family membership in the local Church of the Brethren, and church attendance was rare. While Glen was a teenager, his older brother Carl died, and for the first time Glen thought about death. He began to fear what might lie beyond.

After high school, he graduated from the International Business School in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Then came the Second World War. As a conscientious objector, Glen served four and a half years,

at no pay, with the Civilian Public Service (CPS). His fear of death continued along with restless nights. He dreamed of the second coming of Christ -- what little he knew of it -- and being left behind.

It was at a CPS camp that Glen met Otto Kapp, a quiet unassuming young man who read the Bible in his bunk. Otto

carefully explained to Glen the simple plan of salvation. At age 21, Glen Welborn was born again. "That night I had the best night's sleep since Carl died," says Glen. "I had another dream. This time, Jesus came again for His saints, and I wasn't left behind!"

Glen was disciplined in the CPS camps by radio, listening faithfully to the messages of Dr. M.R. DeHaan, Harry Ironside, and Charles Fuller. He became acquainted with other Christians in the camp. He learned a valuable lesson in those lean years with no pay: "with food and raiment, be content."

While at a camp in Lagro, Indiana, he met Owen Fisher, a young man from the Peru, Indiana, Grace Brethren Church. Owen gave him a tract written by Dr. Homer Kent, Sr. After reading it, Glen decided, "The Grace Brethren Church was for me!"



Glen Welborn during his CPS days working for the U.S. Forest Service near Hebo, Oregon.



Glen and Agnes Welborn

Glen was later moved to Oregon through the CPS camps. Dr. Paul Bauman, a Grace Brethren preacher and longtime member of the Grace Brethren Home Missions board of directors, came to Oregon for a prophetic conference. Dr. Bauman talked to Glen about an opportunity to pastor a home mission church. Later, Dr. L.L. Grubb, then the general secretary of the Home Missions Council, visited with Glen.

"We can offer you very little, only a \$2,000 salary for the first year," he said. Glen responded, "Sir, that's a big raise from the nothing I'm used to!"

There followed two church-planting ministries in Albany, Oregon, and Winona, Minnesota. In 1959 Pastor Welborn went to Leon, Iowa, and served there until his retirement in 1987. "Not a big church, but healthy," Glen remembers with gratitude for God's faithfulness.



Glen Welborn in Leon, Iowa, 1963

It was following his retirement that Glen's personal health declined. Doctors discovered cancer and ordered a series of 36 radiation treatments, one each day, five days a week. After that, they reported that the treatments were a success, advising him that his next checkup would be in six months. Before that time was up, however, Glen began to experience severe pain in his back and shoulders. The doctors ordered a bone scan and found that cancer had spread extensively into the bone marrow.

This time, surgery was the only option. Glen's blood system was affected adversely, however. Following surgery the doctors could not stop the bleeding, and Glen was rushed to a Des Moines hospital. He requested an anointing service. Fellow Iowa Pastors Russell Betz (Leon) and Steve Burns (Dallas Center) officiated and committed Glen's life to the Lord.

Five medical specialists were called in. He was losing blood internally and externally. Hooked up to sophisticated life support systems, he gasped for breath, not aware of what was happening to him.

When the doctors realized there was no more they could do, they called the family in. Together, they decided to stop the suffering and allow Glen to go



Six days after doctors abandoned all hope, Glen was on his road to recovery thanks to a miracle from the Lord.

home to glory peacefully. The life support systems were disconnected, but, miraculously, Glen revived!

The doctors were amazed. They then determined that it was safe to operate and withdraw the fluid that had built up around the left lung and the heart. They removed more than a quart and found that it contained a malignancy.

"Six weeks afterward, I had an appointment with my blood doctor. I didn't want to go. You see, he was the guy who never had good news. He always told me the truth, and the truth was always bad! I was waiting for him in his office; and when he came to the door and saw me, he just stood there. It was like he was seeing something that wasn't supposed to be alive. 'A Miracle,' he said. This time his report was good. The cancer was in full remission, and my blood systems were normal!"

At the time of this writing, Glen is busy preaching again. He is filling the pulpit at the Grace Brethren Church in Kenai, Alaska, until that church can call a new pastor. "I figured God had healed me for one reason, to have more opportunities to minister His Word."

When asked what word of encouragement he'd like to share following this experience, Glen responds, with tears in his eyes, "God still hears the prayers of His people." He recently wrote, "Our lives are committed to the Lord Jesus, and we give God the praise and glory for what He has done for me."

Thank you, Glen Welborn, for your life of faithful ministry and your fantastic testimony of God's power and grace.

My wife and I are now at Kenai, Alaska ministering as interim pastor. This may be one of the Lord's reasons for raising me up from what was to be, according to human powers, my death-bed. I count it a privilege to further serve my Lord and to help the church.

Glen

(Reader's may want to drop a note of encouragement to Pastor Welborn c/o Jim Welborn, HCO1, Box 81, Kenai, AK 99611.)

On the Home Missions Front

New Churches

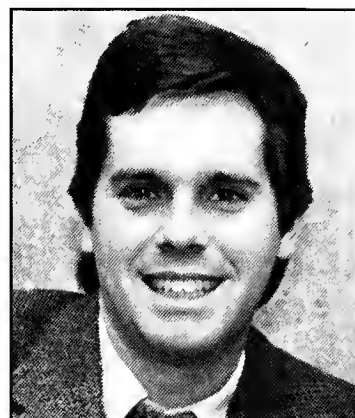
Pray for four new churches just getting underway across the country. Ask God to give pastors boldness as they seek to share the Gospel and wisdom in their discipling of believers and in leadership development.

The Grace Community Grace Brethren Church began services in September in **Anchorage, Alaska**. Pastor Brian Chronister reports 172 in attendance at a "pre-opening" Sunday service and more than 200 at the first official Sunday services the following week. The Arctic District and the Home Missions Council are the joint sponsors of the new church with core families coming from the Grace Brethren Church of Anchorage.

Pastor Steve Makofka is leading a small group of people in the establishing of a church in inner city **Philadelphia**. Public services began in September at the Liberty Grace Brethren Church after preparatory Bible and discipleship classes

were held during the summer. Home Missions is working with the Northern Atlantic District in establishing this new point.

In cooperation with the Kent, WA, Grace Brethren Church, the Northwest District, and the Home Missions Council, Pastor Bob Gentzel is launching a new church in the **Greater Seattle** area.



Steve Makofka

The Northwest Chapel Grace Brethren Church has stepped out in faith to establish a new church in the **Greater Columbus, Ohio** area. With the help of the Northcentral Ohio District and the Home Missions Council, Pastors Will Marling and Perry Huesmann are already at work to make contacts and build a core group for starting public services as soon as possible.

Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries

Elaine Marpel, principal of the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission School in Counselor, New Mexico, reports an enrollment of 111 students this fall. Twenty-five are in the high school with six expecting to graduate next spring.

The entire school and missions staff, along with their families, enjoyed a retreat at Hesperus, Colorado, over the weekend of September 29-October 1. Representatives from the home office, Larry Chamberlain, Jesse Deloe, and Al Bowman, and board member John Mayes from Longview, Texas, led in the Bible Hours.

Western director Dave Marksbury, who also serves as chairman of the Navajo Committee, conducted group discussions which provided for interaction of staff with the committee. Study was given to matters of policy, strategy, and planning.

In addition to our three Navajo pastors, Tully Butler, Johnson Chiquito, and John Trujillo, five students from Southwestern



Left to right: Jerry and Charlotte Nells, Marvin Yazzie, Bessie and Arnold Betoney.

Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, Arizona participated in the retreat. Jerry and Charlotte Nells, Arnold and Bessie Betoney, and Marvin Yazzie are active in the Grace Brethren Church at Red Lake, Arizona with Pastor Trujillo.

(Editors note: Readers wanting to have regular reports from Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries may receive the quarterly *Desert Rain* publication. Address your request to P.O. Box 587, Winona Lake, IN 46590.)



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A Genuine Hero From A Grace Brethren Pew

by Jerry R. Young

He comes rolling through the door, his motorized wheelchair making short work of the threshold. Suzanne steps behind, making sure a swinging door doesn't catch him by surprise. Once inside, he pauses to look about. People rush by, intent on their Sunday morning schedules. He looks up at me with a quizzical smile, and extends a hand slightly off target. "Hello, Pastor!" The speech is slurred, but I understand most of what he says. I listen carefully. Men like this have something to say that is worth hearing.

It wasn't always like this. Don Kegarise has a mind two steps behind a computer, and it served him well for 32 years. Then a tumor invaded the sanctuary of his brain and nothing has ever been the same. But why should I tell the story? I invite you to visit the Kegarise family with me.

Jerry: Thank you for allowing me to write a testimony of what God has done in your life.

Don: You are certainly welcome. But before we talk, I want to make it very clear that the Lord must receive all the glory. I have no desire for praise or sympathy.

Jerry: I fully agree. Our purpose in sharing this story is that God may be honored and Christians encouraged.

Don: My story begins in the spring of 1976. I had the sensation of water in my right ear, accompanied by a slight loss of hearing. Our family doctor confirmed that I had fluid in the middle ear. He prescribed medication, but I am not sure it helped me very much. The symptoms would disappear and reappear for no apparent reason. The loss of hearing wasn't very serious, so I let it go.

Suzanne: There were other reasons why he ignored the problem. Our daughter Kelly, who was nine years old at the time, had a very serious accident. She rode her bicycle into a ditch and the handlebar jammed into her side. Tests revealed a punctured kidney with significant internal bleeding. Surgery was successful and the Lord intervened to restore Kelly to full health.

As soon as Kelly recovered, we started off on our summer vacation at the seashore. On the way to the shore an accident destroyed our car. Fortunately none of us were seriously injured. It was a bad six months!

Jerry: No wonder a little water on the ear seemed insignificant.

Don: Yes. Later that fall, however, I completely lost the hearing in my right ear. It happened on a deer hunting trip to Bedford County with Suzanne's father. I am not much of a hunter, but I always loved to take my gun for a walk.

When I got back home, I asked the nurses at the plant where I worked for the name of an ear specialist. She referred me to Dr. Sickie in Harrisburg. Dr. Sickie verified my hearing loss in his office, but he was unsure of its cause. The doctor said the symptoms were similar to those caused by an acoustic neuroma, but I was too young for that. I was 32 years old at the time.

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Suzanne: Don went to the Harrisburg Polyclinic for tests, but they were inconclusive. So Doctor Sickie sent him to the Harrisburg Hospital for a CAT scan. The scan revealed a tumor about the size of an almond. The neurosurgeon waited until after Christmas to call me with the results because he didn't want to ruin our holiday. I remember asking him, "Is this really serious?" I didn't want to believe my ears.

Don: My surgery came on Inauguration Day 1977, when Jimmy Carter was inaugurated thirty-eighth President of the United States.

Suzanne: Surgery was scheduled for seven o'clock that morning. When Don didn't come back at noon like he was supposed to, I knew something was wrong. The tumor was much larger than supposed, and attached to the brain stem. The surgical team worked until 9:30 that night. They couldn't get all of it.

Jerry: An event like this would destroy most families. Tell me something about your experience with the Lord so I can understand your strength in Him.

Don: I grew up in a Christian family, the second of seven children. Our father was pastor of the Raven Run Church of the Brethren in Saxton, Pennsylvania. He worked as a carpenter to support our family because the church practiced a "free ministry."

When I was nine years old, the church held evangelistic meetings. I wanted to go forward the first night and accept Christ, but my mother said I should wait until I was older. So I did. I waited until the second night and went forward! Suzanne accepted Christ during the same evangelistic meetings.

Jerry: So you and Suzanne grew up together in the same church.

Don: Yes, but we weren't interested in each other until much later. We married in 1965 while I was a student at Letourneau College. I graduated in 1966 with a degree in Industrial Engineering and my first job was in Lancaster, Pennsylvania with Hamilton Watch. Then in 1971 I began work with AMP, Incorporated in Harrisburg. I started with them as a processing engineer.

Suzanne: He became a plant manager for them within two years, the youngest plant manager in the history of the company.

Jerry: Where did you attend church?

Suzanne: We attended the Grace Brethren Church of Manheim. Don was elected vice moderator in 1974, and the church became a large part of our lives. The Lord gave us three children. Kelly was nine at the time all of this happened, Kevin was seven, and our youngest daughter Kerry was five.

Jerry: Tell me about the results of Don's surgery.

Suzanne: The results were much worse than we imagined. The probability of the loss of hearing was 80 percent, the loss of facial expression 50 percent. But the surgeon couldn't even find the nerves because the tumor was so large. Surgery "insulted" the brain stem, and Don lost all of his physical capacities. He had to learn everything over again.

Jerry: Everything?

Suzanne: Everything. He was in the hospital until March.

Don: I had a second surgery about Easter of that year. The doctor recommended an experimental surgery to attach the shoulder nerve to my facial nerve. It would allow me to move facial muscles with my shoulder.

Suzanne: The surgeon told us that Don should have movement with his mouth after 60 days, with his eye after 90 days. If nothing moved after 90 days the surgery would be considered unsuccessful. Don was able to move his mouth on the 88th day. Out of four patients, Don alone had a successful operation.

Jerry: You said the doctor didn't get all of the tumor. Did it grow back again?

Don: Oh, yes. We knew it was growing back. I went back to work with AMP, even managing a couple of their smaller plants. The company was very good to me. But the tumor grew back in about five years.

Jerry: How could you tell?

Suzanne: He would stagger like a drunk. The local police even stopped him one time on suspicion of drunken driving. He had surgery again in November, 1982 and this time the surgical team got all of the tumor.

But the brain stem was "insulted" a second time and the doctor told me that Don would never be able to eat again. He came home on a weekend pass at Christmas, and we learned how to feed him through a tube into his stomach. Oh, how I prayed that God would change the diagnosis! I asked churches and friends all over the country to pray. And I begged the doctor to run his tests again.

On the day of the tests, I went shopping with a friend all day to keep my mind occupied. When I went into the hospital room that evening, there was a bottle of ginger ale by his bed with a straw in it. And I knew. I broke down and cried.

Don: It was 16 weeks to the day since I had eaten.

Jerry: What is the extent of your disability?

Don: The worst disability is my balance. I can't walk because of that. The right side of my face, including the right side of my tongue, is totally paralyzed. That affects my speech. My right eyelid is paralyzed, and my right eye won't focus with my left eye. I had three surgeries on my eye, mostly unsuccessful.

Jerry: What affect has this had on your children?

Suzanne: They grew up faster. Kevin was only seven at the first surgery, and for a time he wouldn't talk to Don. He felt the loss of his father the greatest. But they have become very close. Don taught Kevin how to fix things around the house. He became the handyman.

Kerry was only five at the first surgery, and she helped Don recover more than any other. She played dominoes with her dad in the hospital. That required a lot of patience because Don took forever to lay a domino in the right place. It was great therapy for him.

Maybe it was wrong, but I forced the children to handle their own money. One social security check came for all the children. I divided it three ways and gave it to them. They learned the hard way what happens when money is spent unwisely.

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Rev. Jerry R. Young is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, PA. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary.

A Church for the Jews as Well as the Gentiles

by Larry G. Jaffrey

When was the last time you saw a church where the percentage of Jewish believers in the membership equalled or exceeded the percentage of Jewish people in the community surrounding the church? Most of us would have to admit we have never seen such a phenomenon and really do not expect to see it. Our lack of expectation finds its justification in the apostle Paul's statement, "Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of Gentiles has come in." It is assumed Paul is saying we should not expect to see many Jewish believers in our churches, if any at all. What we forget is at the time Paul wrote those words, the church had a large percentage of Jewish believers. He did not mean the church would be void of Jewish believers but rather Israel as a nation would not see Jesus as the Messiah until "the full number of Gentiles" is saved. If we support Jewish missions and have Jewish evangelism seminars, why are we not seeing more people of Jewish background in our churches?

Could it be the church has made itself unacceptable to the Jewish community? Several years ago, I was participating in a missions conference in a large church with a dynamic missions program. I had the opportunity before the evening service to meet one of the members of the missions committee who was a Jewish believer and had been a believer for about ten years. This lady was thrilled to meet someone involved in Jewish evangelism, and we had a great time of fellowship before the service. When I got up to speak, I made some introductory comments in Hebrew just to identify our ministry as reaching Jewish people. As I was doing this, I looked down and noticed this lady was crying. This greatly surprised me, and thinking I had offended this sister, I sought her out after the service to find out specifically what I had said wrong and to apologize. When I came up to her she still had tears in her eyes, so I began to apologize. She said "Larry, don't apologize. That's not the reason I'm crying." She went on to say for the first time in her ten years of knowing Jesus, she heard something from the pulpit she could identify with as a Jewess and realized how much of her Jewishness she had suppressed. She said she loved the church, loved the people, loved the

program, but always felt that she had to become a Gentile to fully believe in Jesus and belong in the church.

This story, which can be repeated many times over, gives us insight into how a church can become more effective in reaching out to the Jewish community. It means more than just having a weekend on Jewish evangelism or a series of meetings where a missionary will come in and share how to witness to Jewish people. The church

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itself may have to change so both people groups, Jew and Gentile, will find an identity in its program, worship style and holiday calendar. A church located in or near a Jewish community will need to reevaluate its image to that community and make appropriate changes so the needs of both the Jewish and Gentile believers in Messiah will be met. The church will need to express in its image that its roots are historically Jewish, that it naturally does Jewish things, and that it desires to have Jewish believers within its membership. Not only will the needs of the Jewish believers be met, but the surrounding Jewish community will be more inclined to believe the church has the answers to their spiritual needs.

The following would be suggested approaches a church could take toward becoming Jewish and Gentile in outreach. First, the church could send out a letter and/or flyer to the entire community which is meaningful to both Jews and Gentiles. For example, the letter could go out to all homes emphasizing the fact that this is a church where both Jews and Gentiles worship Messiah Jesus. What this will do is get you away from the normal Christian terminology which is meaningless not only to Jewish people but also to most unchurched Gentiles.

The second thing that can be done is for the church to reevaluate its programs particularly

focusing on holiday worship. Yes, the church will still want to celebrate the birth and resurrection of our Lord, but can it add to the calendar other holidays found in the Scriptures which have meaning not only to the believers in the church but to the Jewish community as a whole. Two such holidays are Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles which picture Messiah Jesus as redeemer and King respectively. The celebrating of these holidays should not be viewed as adding law to grace but rather as using Biblical holidays to picture God's grace eg. Passover-redemption from physical and spiritual bondage in Messiah. Feast of Tabernacles-God's gracious providing for man's needs in the wilderness and in the kingdom (Zech. 14:16). The holidays can be publically announced like any other church program. Again, this would make it very easy for a Jewish person to identify with and become interested in such a church and what it believes.

A third suggestion would be to have a special home group or discipleship group that would meet the needs of the Jewish people who will be coming to the church. This should be approached just like the singles, the teens, or the senior citizens groups -- not that there is discrimination but that these groups have different needs from others in the church. The purpose of the group can be to help the Jewish people realize they still have their Jewish identity and can be proud of it but yet be very comfortable within the church.

An illustration of meeting a cultural need is found in the wedding ceremony which is full of custom and tradition. If one or both individuals of a young couple is of Jewish background, the pastoral staff would encourage the couple to have a Jewish wedding including its messianic significance. Again, this is just a natural outcome

of what a church would do if it is ministering to Jewish believers and reaching out to a Jewish community.

An added blessing will be, as the people in the church begin seeing and appreciating the Jewish heritage of their faith, they will become burdened with the need to bring the gospel to the Jewish community. As this burden grows, they will need to feel confident they have a church to which they can bring their Jewish friends and not have them feel alienated or offended. Over the years, I have received many calls from Christians saying, "I would love to bring my Jewish friends to church, but I'm afraid they will be turned off, do you have a meeting that I could bring a Jewish friend to." If the church would be geared culturally to reach the Jewish community, these calls would not have to be made.

Citing the example of the black Christians in America, as long as the white church is not willing to adapt in music, culture, and program to meet the black needs, black people will not attend. The same thing is true concerning Jewish people. If the church is unwilling to meet the needs of the Jewish community and also to meet the cultural hunger many Jewish believers have, they will not be effective in reaching the Jewish community. If the existing local church in the Jewish community cannot or will not adjust to meet the needs of the community, God will raise up individuals or organizations who will plant churches that will.

Where there are Jewish people, there also should be a church reaching out and meeting the needs of that community. When that happens, we will truly have a church for the Jews as well as the Gentiles.

Rev. Larry G. Jaffrey is Southern Regional Director for Chosen People Ministries.

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Jerry: Has anything good come out of this? What have you gained as a result of your trials?

Don: Patience, and the increase of my faith in the Lord. I learned that faith isn't worth very much until it is tested.

Suzanne: I cannot tell you all the stories of what God has done. He brought us through the difficult times of surgery and recovery. He gave many friends to help and encourage us just when we needed them most. The social security checks began immediately. Usually it takes months for the checks to start coming.

Because of our loss of income, I decided to give up the daily newspaper. I loved reading the paper, but it was a luxury. So I gave it up. Somebody found out, and we have received a newspaper ever since 1983 without charge. That is only one blessing out of many given to us by God's people.

Jerry: Don, what is your dream for this family?

Don: That all my children would be saved.

Jerry: And they are, aren't they? They all know the Lord. Is there anything else that you want more than anything else in the world?

Don: That they will marry Christian mates.

Suzanne: Kelly and Kevin are dating Christian friends. Kerry isn't serious about dating yet.

Jerry: If you could say one more thing, what would it be?

Don: The Lord has been very good to me.

Postscript: Don enjoyed his 45th birthday on September 27, 1989, surrounded by a family that loves him. That's much more than some people can say. He lives in the same home in Manheim, Pennsylvania that he built in 1972. If you drive down Penryn Road, you just might see him out for a spin on his three wheeled cart. His daughter Kelly graduated from Messiah College in May and now teaches physical education in the Elizabethtown school system. Kevin is a Junior at Grove City College. Kerry is a Senior at Manheim Central High School. The Lord and the Grace Brethren Church of Lititz.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

NEWS UPDATE

Brethren Evangelistic Ministries conducted First Love Renewal Seminars in Telford, TN, and Brookville, OH, in September. Executive Director Ron Thompson was joined by Pastor George Traub and Tony DeRosa for the four-day seminars. Music ministry was furnished by Mike and Terica Williams of Lakeland, FL. Scores of people stood at the altar to be part of a consecrated minority to change the world for Christ. The next Renewal will be November 30 to December 3 at the Grace Brethren Church in San Juan, Puerto Rico, pastored by Carmelo Arbona.

Bob Gentzel, former pastor of the North Pole (AK) Grace Brethren Church, has moved along with his family, to the Kent, WA, area to begin a new work in southeast King County. Target date for the new church is Easter Sunday, April 15, 1990.

The Suburban Grace Brethren Church of Hatboro, PA, celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on Sunday, September 17.

The celebration began at 11:00 a.m. with a concert by Mr. Paul Schumacher. This was followed by an afternoon meal which was enjoyed by all. An afternoon service was conducted with a great musical package, testimonies, congregational singing, and preaching.

The guest speakers were: Pastors Idwal Thomas, Carl Martin, and Gary Gnagey. Gary Gnagey is the pastor of the Suburban Grace Brethren Church of Hatboro, PA.

Grace Brethren Church of Johnstown, PA, is seeking a pastor to shepherd its flock due to the homegoing of Pastor Charles Martin. Inquiries may be sent to Moderator Harold Eten, R. 1, Box 731, Mineral Point, PA 15942.

John Teevan has accepted the call to be Senior Pastor of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona

Lake, IN. He will begin his ministry the latter part of November. Mr. Teevan has been the Senior Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Philip Schwan, ten-month old son of Dave and Becky Schwan, (missionary appointees to England) came home from the hospital October 16. He had two heart surgeries in less than three weeks, and is recovering very well. Dave and Becky would like to express their appreciation to those in our fellowship who prayed and remembered their family during the difficult weeks of Philip's hospitalization.

The 1990 Grace Brethren Annual will be placed in the mail the latter part of December.

DEATHS

CLAYPOOL, PEARL, September 10, 1989. She was 81 years of age and was a faithful member of the West Kittaning Grace Brethren Church for 48 years. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

GRIESEMER, GLADYS, 66, June 29, 1989. She was a member of the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pennsylvania. Jeffrey Dunkle, associate pastor, officiated at the memorial service.

HERR, RUBY, 66, August 13, 1989. She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church of Dallas Center, Iowa. Stephen Burns, pastor.

SLOUGH, BRADLEY, 27, died in a trailer fire August 1, 1989. He was a member of the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pennsylvania. Timothy George, associate pastor, officiated at the memorial service.

STAHL, KENNETH, September 5, 1989. He was a charter member of the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Alto, MI. Mick Funderburg, pastor.

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THE NEW BEGINNINGS GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF PALMER, MA, has been changed to the Grace Brethren Church of Palmer. Address: c/o Pastor Phillip Meade, 54 South St., Three Rivers, MA 01080.

MARRIAGES

BOWSER: Robin Marie Bell and Robert Alan Bowser were married September 16, 1989, in the West Kittingan Grace Brethren Church. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

FRANCIS: Beth Direk and Steve Francis, were married September 9, 1989, in North Manchester, IN. Glenn Byers, pastor of the Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, IN.

GROSS: Karen Martin and Gary Gross were united in Christian marriage August 19, 1989, in the First Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

KAUFFMAN: Joyce Sanders and Jeremiah Kauffman were married on September 16, 1989, at the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church by the groom's son, Dr. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

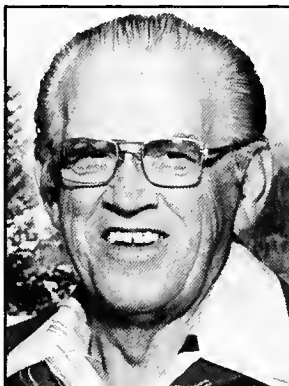
PONTZ: Donna Hertzog and Michael Pontz were married on September 9, 1989, at the Hertzog home by Dr. Luke Kauffman, pastor of the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA.

RADCLIFFE: Ruth McKinney and David Radcliffe were married June 24, 1989, at the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church. Dr. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

RIDENOUR: Sung Hyon and Keith Ridenour were married previously in civil ceremony and renewed their vows on September 23, 1989, at the Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, IN. Glenn Byers, pastor.

SELL: Kelly Francis and Troy Sell were married on July 1, 1989, at the Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, IN.

by Glenn Byers, pastor of the Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, IN.



**Dr. Jake Kliever
With the Lord**

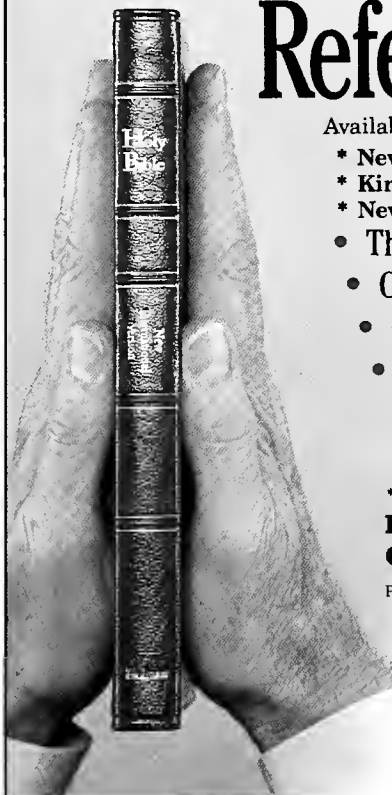
Jacob Kliever was born Aug. 21, 1905, in Canada and passed away October 21, 1989 at Grace Village, Winona Lake, IN. His early years were spent in Oregon and California. He married Freda Neufeld in 1930 and attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California. The Klievers went

to France in 1937 for language study and arrived in French Equatorial Africa (now Chad and Central African Republic) in 1938. He served as a missionary in Africa from 1938-1977. An honorary doctorate was given him in recognition of service for his Lord by Grace Theological Seminary in 1968. Mrs. Kliever died Aug. 12, 1985.

During his 40 years of missionary service, Dr. Kliever witnessed the changes which brought about the emergence of independent nations, served as a missionary pastor, teacher, and superintendent, pioneered the Brethren entrance into Chad as a mission point, and inspired many with his warm personality and obvious dedication. His friendly, boyish manner made him welcome with all ages and his ready humor helped many to understand that missionaries are simply ordinary people doing an extraordinary job.

A memorial service was held at the Grace Brethren Church, Middlebranch, OH, on October 28, 1989, with Pastor Wesley Haller officiating.

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CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS AND THE GRACE BRETHREN CHALLENGE

1989 Moderator's Address to National Conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches by Dr. John J. Davis

It's with a great sense of joy and expectation that I welcome you to beautiful Winona Lake for this 50th Annual conference of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

For all of you who do not live in Winona, paradise can only be a verbal abstraction, but for those of us who have made this our home, it is a daily reality.

By living in foreign lands such as California, Pennsylvania and Ohio, you have missed the orange glows of majestic sunsets over our spectacular lake broken only by the gentle silhouettes of its famous ducks.

Then there are the moonlit nights with shimmering reflections on the water and erie scents sparking the memory of its Potawatomi Indian past.

Look closely at its soggy, but colorful shores on one of these romantic nights when the moon turns the ripples in the water to sparkling diamonds and you will see a Grace College business major and his girlfriend strolling along Winona's mystic banks.

They will pause for a moment and, if you listen ever so carefully, you can hear him whisper with appropriate eloquence,

Red are the roses,
Blue are the skies
How do I love thee,
Let me prioritize.

Winona Lake is not only romantic, but exciting. I know there is a nasty rumor circulating that excitement around the Big Lake consists of watching algae appear on the water or rust form on hub caps.

But your week here will quickly reveal the fallacy of those unfounded rumors.

I must admit that my imagination has risen just a bit above actual reality, but God has given us a beautiful location for our conference, our schools and our mission organizations and I trust you will enjoy every moment of your stay here.

Now we must move on to things more sober, compelling and germane to my task as Moderator.

The appointed task of the Moderator on this occasion according to Bylaws of the Fellowship is to deal with the "... spiritual state of the churches and the challenges facing the Fellowship."

The highly tempting and purely human inclination is to speak on things happy, uplifting and emotionally inspiring. But our world and our Fellowship are hurting and to ignore this fact is like a doctor complimenting you on your lovely hairdo or snappy tie while your heart writhes in pain and blood trickles from numerous open wounds.

The observations I wish to make tonight, therefore, in fulfillment of my duty will be forthright and, I trust, compassionate. They are not those of any group or organization within our Fellowship, but are mine and are the result of careful reflection after listening to our body's heartbeat with a spiritual and organizational stethoscope.

Nearly 3000 years ago, David, the sweet singer of Israel, asked a very penetrating question: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psa. 11:3).

This third verse of the 11th Psalm provides interesting and instructive insight into Israelite life during the 11th century B.C. The "foundations" of which he spoke were the foundations of the social and spiritual order of Israel's society.

Their drift from the Word of God and their lack of respect for God's anointed king led to rebellion, most likely that initiated by David's own son, Absalom.

His enemies, according to the context, had prepared themselves for war. Bow strings were tightened and arrows readied. The target was the "upright in heart" according to verse two.

But termites, not dynamite, bring down most buildings in our day and the process is rarely thunderous. The slow, steady decay of a building's foundation normally goes completely unnoticed as people actively pursue their daily routines in the floors above.

The steady demise of American spiritual life, as we have known it in the past, goes on un-

noticed by many in the Evangelical community. Moral principle and ethical precept have been discarded like empty pop cans in the gutters.

During the 1930's when theological liberalism was having its hay-day chipping away at the pillars of our faith, many Christians slept quietly as if nothing were happening. Such spiritual obscurantism encouraged the termites of secular humanism and *Neo-Orthodoxy* to also go for the foundations of the church and its institutions, and this they have done with disturbing energy and skill.

The believing community is also being eroded from within by the subtle, but equally devastating influences of *Neo-Evangelicalism* which has surrendered the full integrity of the Biblical text to scientific opinion, and *ecumenical evangelism* which has surrendered the gospel message and the new convert to the very wolves (Acts 20:29) who deny its power (11 Tim. 3:5).

The Grace Brethren church had its birth because godly men refused to compromise the pure gospel for the sake of circumstantial expediency or professional convenience. It is for this reason that God has blessed our Fellowship and given it a scope of influence and impact far beyond the potential of its numbers.

But I must hasten to observe that the greatest challenges of our Fellowship still lie ahead. In this address I want, not only to lift your eyes to view the exciting sweet by and by, but the exasperating threats of the nasty now and now. In case you haven't noticed recently, conservative, Bible believing Christians have become a despised minority in the American press and television.

Members of the Grace Brethren Church must never lose sight of the enemy's intentions even though he may not have reminded us of them recently. The apostle Peter warns us that "the devil, as a roaring lion, walks around seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8). If you have not encountered the evil one head-on this past year, you better look to your right, you may have been walking with him!

This important 11th Psalm features two central ideas. The first is: *The Cry of Concern* (vv. 1-3) and then: *The Cry of Confidence* (vv. 4-7).

Eroding foundations represented a frightening prospect for the young nation of Israel. Their strength never did reside in military power, cultural inventiveness or architectural genius, but in her God. The covenantal foundations upon which Israel had been established were unique for their moral and spiritual loftiness.

What was true of ancient Israel is equally true of the Grace Brethren Church. Our

strength and vitality do not reside in economic might, social prestige, or vast numbers, but in the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and our uncompromising commitment to His inspired Word.

The only time Israel's enemies were able to break down city walls and crush their buildings was when they had weakened themselves from within through drift from the priorities of God's Word. I am convinced that if the walls of our Fellowship falter and fail, it will not be due to the power of the wicked outside, but the loss of spiritual vitality and unity of the saints inside.

Having noted the crumbling foundations of David's world and ours, the Psalmist's question still echoes with challenging clarity. "If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do?" Indeed, what shall we as a Fellowship do in the light of the moral depravity of our world and loss of precious souls to the fires of eternal punishment.

There are some important clues in our text as to how this question should be answered. In verse 4 David suggests that the righteous look toward to the Lord's temple and throne. This is a challenge to recognize His *redemption* (as our priest) and His *rule* (as our king).

It must be asked, are we as a fellowship of churches even prepared or positioned to do significant things about crumbling foundations in our world?

If we, the members of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, are to fulfill our God-given reason for existence and to rebuild crumbling foundations we must do the following.

First, We Must Have an Unwavering Commitment to Our Lord Jesus and to Our Spiritual Heritage.

The challenge of the first day of our conference is related to deepening our commitment to our Lord. This act is behind all spiritual progress and maturity in the life of the church. The Grace Brethren Church has always had a solid commitment to our Lord, but in light of the times in which we live, we need to deepen this commitment significantly.

Also, from the beginning this fellowship of churches has had a clear and deep commitment to the truths of the whole word of God. This commitment consisted of more than an approving intellectual nod, but the willingness to put one's job, reputation and life on the line for Jesus Christ.

Our Fellowship has been driven by a passion for souls and a deep desire to fulfill the mandates of the Great Commission as evidenced by the early and aggressive formation of the Foreign Missionary Society.

There was also a sense of the need for observable personal piety. It was out of the German

pietistic movement that the Brethren church arose in 1708. Schwarzenau was the cradle for this newly born church which was concerned over the fact that theological orthodoxy was strong in the Reformation movement, but personal sanctification was not. On this 50th anniversary of our Conference, it is appropriate that we focus on our spiritual roots and be reminded of the passionate concerns of our founding fathers.

As moderator I must express my deep concern for the eroding levels of personal piety and separation within our Fellowship. It seems that far too many are preoccupied with pushing the fences of Christian liberty as far out as possible without dropping over the cliff.

Young people want to know how much of the world they can have and still maintain some level of Christian identity. We ought to be asking how much of the Lord and spiritual things we can have and still fulfill our social, economic and civic responsibilities. The Bible is very clear on this issue. "The friendship of the world is enmity with God." (James 4:4 cf. I Cor. 6:14-18).

This is not a call for a new isolationism or spiritual monasticism, but the commitment to more biblically discerning life-styles that consciously pursue the highest possible standards not the lowest.

The issue is not contact with this world's evil, but conformity to, and complicity with it (John 17:15; Rom. 12:2).

Our spiritual heritage is also one which is rooted in clear, deep and powerful expository preaching of God's Word. Pastoral ministry has been considered one of the highest of callings, and it was expected that the man of God would educate himself to the fullest in order to meet the complex challenges of this calling.

I'm afraid we have some foundations crumbling here. While the unbelieving world increases its demands on the training of surgeons who work on mortal bodies, the church is relaxing its educational standards for those who will be dealing with immortal souls. The steady decline of Grace Brethren men attending Grace Theological Seminary (or other seminaries, for that matter) in preparation for pastoral ministry is disturbing.

We live and minister in a day when a furious battle rages for the minds and hearts of people. Spiritual conflict is more complex than it has ever been in church history, and we are sending young men into the war zone with theological pop guns and homiletical sling shots. The mortality rate among young pastors has reached staggering numbers.

Could it be that we have become more enamored with platform personality or entertaining performance than pulpit power and depth?

Second, We Must Have an Uncompromising Concern for Theological Integrity and Doctrinal Consistency.

Israel lost her spiritual vitality and identity when she drifted from the truths of the sure Word of God and made choices on the basis of moral relativism (Judges 17:6; 21:25) or practical expediency (Judges 1:28).

I trust that Grace Brethren will never be embarrassed by an unequivocal commitment to the doctrine of the supernatural inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures. Contrary to what Neo-Evangelical thought has attempted to perpetrate, if the historical and scientific notices of the Bible contain errors, and are, therefore, unreliable, then its saving theology is also suspect. The disjunction between "revelational and non-revelational" portions of the Bible is both *superficial* and *dangerous*. It is *superficial* because the redemptive work of God took place in and through historical and scientific processes and cannot be separated from them.

The Apostle Paul argued quite passionately in I Cor. 15 that if Jesus Christ was not literally, that is historically and biologically, raised from the dead, your faith is in vain (I Cor. 15:14).

It is *dangerous* because it makes the interpreter the sovereign of the text instead of its servant.

A recent survey conducted among students at nine evangelical colleges and seven seminaries by James Hunter and reported in his book, *Evangelism: The Coming Generation* (pp. 24-25), indicate that wavering on the biblical doctrine of inerrancy is now widespread.

Fifty percent of the college students and 54 percent of the seminary students believed the Bible was inspired, not mistaken in its teachings, but not always to be taken literally in its statements concerning matters of science, historical reporting, etc.

Our Fellowship must also renew and strengthen its commitment to those doctrines that have given it identity and around which much of its historic unity rests.

My travels and conversations this past year have made it abundantly clear that deep divisions continue to exist in our Fellowship over the 1964 Conference decision to grant church membership to those Christians not baptized by triune immersion.

While the temptation exists for me to overlook this long-standing problem in hopes that it will magically go away, or through a presentation of happy highlights divert attention from the issue until the week is over, I would be delinquent and dishonest as your moderator to do so.

Segments of our Fellowship are marching to different drum beats which has resulted in a very noticeable ecclesiastical limp in our attempt to fulfill the Great Commission.

The 1964 change in the Bylaws came as men and women of good faith pondered carefully church membership issues and allowed for a broader composition of local church memberships without affecting the National Conference vote in this area. I should like to point out that such a policy is not without parallel in other Evangelical groups. Many Baptist and Independent churches accept into their membership Grace Brethren people without rebaptism.

On the other hand, I must express concern over the notion expressed by some that baptism in particular, or the ordinances in general, are somehow secondary or somewhat unimportant theological truths, or are at best, tangential to the identity of this Fellowship and its ministry. *First*, I should note that it is a most dangerous process that stratifies biblical truth in order to justify policies in any realm of Christian experience. All the commands of our Lord Jesus are vital and strategic to the life, identity and growth His church.

Second, the Grace Brethren hermeneutic relative to the ordinances of the church is unique and does, indeed, bear significantly upon its identity as a fellowship. In fact, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches is the only church organization in the world that holds to the supernatural inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures, a premillennial return of our Lord, and the practices of triune immersion and the three-fold communion service.

Now, I have no intention of proposing what this conference should do to end the tensions and misunderstanding in our Fellowship, but I am pleading with you to find a way to finally resolve it so the Grace Brethren Church can move into the 1990's as an army in step and ready to conquer new territories for the glory of our Lord.

Either re-confirm our current Bylaws or modify them to address the concerns, but let's find a path that will lovingly allow this Fellowship its full spiritual and organizational potential under God.

Whatever confirmation or resolution is achieved this week, I passionately request that all districts uniformly recognize it and organize their bylaws to reflect those decisions so that finally the expression "cooperating districts," which appears in the Bylaws of this Fellowship, will take on some semantic accuracy! We all need to be reminded that we are a fellowship of churches not a fellowship of districts.

What is at stake here is not only the harmonious and dynamic operation of our Fellowship and its districts, but the lost souls of men. For every hour of continued debate and conflict, energy is expended that could be effectively directed toward the evangelization of our world and the edification of saints.

We're spending an inordinate amount of time debating how we should *regard* wandering sheep rather than how to *rescue* the lost ones!

I also want to caution all who would move precipitously or inadvisably of what tragic consequences might follow such action. There is eminently more at stake here that our personal preferences or inclinations.

It is my prayer that we will be able to leave these hallowed grounds by the end of the week rejoicing in our solid commitment to each other and to that body of truth and practice our Lord had asked us to perpetuate in word and deed.

Third, We Must Exhibit an Unreserved Compassion for the Lost.

Two issues are at stake here. The one relates to the reality and sincerity of our theological affirmations and the other to the issue of obedience to Christ.

We always nod our heads quite eloquently and approvingly when someone declares that unbelievers are lost and doomed to eternal punishment apart from the redemption Christ has provided through his atoning death. But the total absence of urgency in our witnessing raises serious questions in the minds of the observing world as to our real commitment to this truth.

There has been a tendency in the Church and Christian higher education during the past century to reverse the order of the priorities so clearly established in the Great Commission of our Lord in Matt. 28:19-20 (NASB).

19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

20. Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

It is, of course, easier, more convenient and less stressful to teach disciples than to make them. Somehow we must capture Christ's burning desire for the salvation of the lost and His willingness to reach down and rescue them. May our passion for lost men be as deep as our passion for God and His truth.

One sobering appraisal of the quality and depth of our Fellowship's commitment to evangelism is that fact that since 1940 when the total membership was 15,203, to the present 39,856 we have produced an average an-

nual growth of only 503 members. Also of note is the fact that there has been a net loss of seven churches and 710 members over the past year in our Fellowship. By no stretch of our ecclesiastical imagination can we regard such a performance as adequate with reference to the Great Commission.

What giant and bold steps can we take to launch us into the battle more effectively for men's souls during the 1990's? By taking very seriously the challenges of this week's conference to deepen our commitment to our God, to His church and to a lost world.

The life-changing power of the Gospel is able to do what 100 federal social agencies can't do in restoring the crumbling foundations of our country. President Bush's 1000 points of light will be match box stuff if the 318 points of light in the Grace Brethren Church fire up their spiritual furnaces. We're spending too much time on duct work and roofing, my friends, when the real problem is the lack of flame in the furnace!

Finally, We Must Develop a Unanimous Consent for a More Efficient and Unified Organization.

The current organization of our Fellowship has been adequate to meet most of the needs of the past, but there are, in my judgment, severe limitations and handicaps. The following are some practical suggestions for consideration based on observation, study of the Bylaws and conversation with many pastors and layman. The following focus on program, spiritual challenge and organization.

First, I would strongly recommend that we continue the "Day with God" that was established two years ago. This special time of soul-searching, prayer and exhortation is critical to maintaining a proper focus on our task as a Fellowship.

Second, I would like to suggest that future Moderators be elected for two year terms instead of one and that they implement their programs in the first year of their leadership.

Third, that there be better clarification as to the relationship of Districts to National Conference and its decisions. Is there a common understanding that "Cooperating Districts" are to operate on the basis of the same standards as National Conference? Article IX of the Bylaws is silent on this.

Fourth, I think it would be in the best interest for the Fellowship to have a full-time representative, coordinator or executive director. This individual could more fully carry out the business of the conference, plan the details for future conferences, assist the Fellowship Council in communication and the implementation of its policies, care for communication

from other church groups and government agencies, assist districts in coordinating their efforts with National Conference and work with the National Boards to better integrate ministries.

Fifth, that we do everything possible to encourage young men to consider full-time pastoral ministry and, as local churches, be willing to help support them in their educational pursuits.

Sixth, I endorse fully the Richmond challenge that Roger Peugh has established for next year's conference. Let me encourage each delegate to return to your home church and do all possible to create enthusiasm for, and commitment to, that challenge for next year's conference.

The above recommendations are neither profound nor complicated. Indeed, as a fisherman, I learned a long time ago that simplicity is frequently more productive than cumbersome complexity. Tom Bost of Greenville, PA, captured this sentiment quite nicely in this poem.

There's one thing that all fisherman learn
That purists may hate to confirm.
Despite all their matches
Of all kinds of hatches
You can do just as well with a worm.

God did not bring the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches into existence to be giant play pens for trivial intellectual pursuits or to satisfy the superficial curiosity of shallow saints.

Nor are we to be museums for the exhibition of a fossilized faith no matter how orthodox or rest homes for decrepit ideas and archaic strategies.

Also, God never intended that our churches become monasteries for a safe and final retreat from a hostile world.

If we are serious about the issues of spiritual warfare, our churches need to be dynamic and disciplined boot camps that arm God's people for a victorious struggle for the minds and souls of lost men.

Our heritage as a fellowship of churches is both ecclesiastically and theologically rich. Names like Alexander Mack, Peter Becker, Christopher Sower, John Garber, Henry Holsinger, Louis S. Bauman, Alva J. McClain, Herman A. Hoyt and Homer A. Kent, Sr. still echo through the hallways of our history.

The spiritual imprint of the Brethren church stretches from Germany to Germantown, from Miami to Maine, and from Lancaster to Long Beach. Thousands have heard the gospel because godly men and women slashed their way through Satanic opposition in Africa, Argentina, Germany, France, England, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, the Philippines, and Spain.

The history of the Grace Brethren Fellowship is also inseparable with that of Grace Theological Seminary. The seminary was the heartbeat of the young church and gave it depth and stability. It accomplished that lofty goal because it was Christ-honoring and biblically centered. That character and commitment remain the same in 1989.

As great and satisfying as our history has been, I am here to tell you tonight that the best years are yet ahead. Under God and armed with the truth of His inerrant Word, we look

for a new generation whose commitment to the Lord, His church and our world will be deep—very deep.

Won't you join me in the challenging years ahead to keep this flame burning . . . to pass the torch of God's eternal truth to godly young men and women so the world can feel the warmth of that fire and enjoy the illuminating light it provides?

We, the heirs of a very rich Brethren heritage, can . . . and we must.

Business Sessions

FIRST SESSION,

Monday morning, July 31, 1989

Moderator Dr. John Davis called the first business session of the 50th Annual Conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches to order, meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana, July 30 - August 2, 1989. Moderator John Davis led in prayer.

A motion prevailed that the official list of member churches of the FGBC consist of those churches listed on pages 67-84 of the 1989 Grace Brethren Annual with the exception of the churches which have disbanded or withdrawn from the fellowship:

A motion prevailed that the churches that have not submitted statistical reports will not have their delegates seated at this time.

In various reports to the conference the Membership Committee reported a total of 303 ministerial delegates and 460 lay delegates for a first day total of 763 delegates.

A motion prevailed to accept the following new churches into the FGBC.

1. Grace Brethren Church of North Port, FL.
2. Lake County Grace Brethren Church of Willoughby, OH.
3. Cross Lanes Grace Brethren Church of Charleston, WV.
4. New Hope Community Church of Moreno Valley, CA.
5. Iglesia De Los Hermanos Vivos en Cristo of Paramount, CA.
6. McAllen Grace Brethren Church of McAllen, TX.

A list of the churches that did not submit statistical reports was given.

A motion prevailed that we allow the delegates from these churches that did not submit statistical reports to be seated and that these churches be advised to care for this matter next year.

PROPOSED AGENDA

A motion prevailed to adopt the proposed agenda as printed with the following changes:

1. No. 5 on Tuesday to No. 13 on Monday.
2. No. 13 on Monday to No. 4 on Tuesday and renumber those items following.

Monday, July 31, 1989, 8:30 a.m.

First Business Session

1. Call to order, Dr. John Davis, Moderator
2. Presentation of member churches in FGBC, Kenneth Koontz, Conf. Secretary
3. Initial report of the Membership Committee, Greg Ryerson, Chairman
4. Seating of delegates from member churches

5. Presentation of new churches to be received into the FGBC, Fellowship Council
6. Additional report of the Membership Committee, Greg Ryerson, Chairman
7. Seating of delegates from the newly received churches
8. Presentation of the proposed agenda, Charles Ashman, Coordinator
9. Consideration of applications for approval of any newly formed districts
10. Report of the Nominating Committee, John Burke, Chairman
11. Election of Moderator-Elect and Fellowship Council members
12. Report of the appointment of conference officers and committees, Fellowship Council.
13. Report of the Committee on Moderator's Address, Dean Fetterhoff, Chairman
14. Adjournment

Tuesday, August 1, 1989, 8:30 a.m.

Second Business Session

1. Call to order, Dr. John Davis, Moderator
2. Approval of the minutes of business session one, Kenneth Koontz, Conf. Sec.
3. Additional report of the Membership Committee, Greg Ryerson, Chairman
4. Report of the elections of Moderator-Elect and Fellowship Council members
5. Report of the Strategy and Planning Committee, Jerry Young, Chairman
6. Report of the GBC Christian Education Board and the election of members to that board, Bernie Simmons, President
7. Report of the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries Board and the election of members to that board, Ron Thompson, President
8. Report of the Social Concerns Committee, Donald Shoemaker, Chairman
9. Report of the Resolutions Committee, Richard Mayhue, Chairman
10. Report of the Retirement Planning Committee, Larry Chamberlain, Chairman
11. Unfinished Business
12. New business
13. Adjournment

Wednesday, August 2, 1989, 8:30 a.m.

Third Business Session

1. Call to order, Dr. John Davis, Moderator
2. Approval of the minutes of business session two, Kenneth Koontz, Conf. Sec.
3. Additional report of the Membership Committee, Greg Ryerson, Chairman

4. Report on Chaplains' Ministries, Lee Jenkins, Endorsing Agent
5. Election of the Nominating Committee
6. Report of the Conference Treasurer, Larry Chamberlain
7. Report of the Conference Statistician, Sherwood Durkee
8. Report of the Auditing and Finance, Don Eshelman, Fellowship Council
9. Report of the Pastorless Churches and Available Men, Howard Mayes, Fellowship Council
10. Report on Fellowship Council activities, and the time and place of the 1990 conference, Charles Ashman, Fellowship Coordinator
11. Additional Reports
12. Unfinished business
13. New business
14. Approval of minutes of business session three, Kenneth Koontz, Conf. Sec.
15. Installation of the 1990 conference officers
16. Adjournment (sine die)

John Burke reported for the Nominating Committee. The ballot is as follows: Moderator Elect: William Snell and Jerry Young; Fellowship Council: Western Area - Greg Howell, Glen Shirk, Ed Trenner; Central Area - Robert Combs, Jesse Deloe, John Mayes; Eastern Area - Michael Rockafellow, H. Don Rough, James Dixon. Opportunity was given for nominations from the floor. The following were presented: Central Area - Paul Woodruff; Eastern Area - True Hunt.

A motion prevailed to close nominations.

A motion prevailed to approve this conference ballot.

A motion prevailed that in case there is no majority received in an office that the top two names be brought back to the conference for vote.

CONFERENCE OFFICER & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Charles Ashman gave the report from the Fellowship Council on the appointment of conference officers and committees. Fellowship Coordinator, Charles Ashman; Conference Secretary, Ken Koontz; Conference Statistician, Sherwood Durkee; Conference Treasurer, Steve Popenfoose.

Conference Committees: Retirement Planning Committee - Same committee as last year except for Larry Chamberlain who has resigned and will be replaced by appointment.

Social Concerns Committee - Retain the same committee as last year.

Resolutions Committee - Ron Guiles, ('90) Chm., Jim Poyner ('91), Curt Miller ('92).

Parliamentary Committee - Greg Howell ('90) Chm., Jesse Deloe ('91), David Plaster ('92).

Pastorless Churches/Available Men - The Fellowship Council, Howard Mayes
Auditing and Finance - The Fellowship Council - Donald Eshelman
Moderator's Address - John Davis, Chm.; Two to be selected by John Davis
Membership/Credentials Committee - Charles Thornton ('90) Chm.; Gilbert Hawkins ('90); Ray Davis ('91); Zeke Young ('91); Dan Thornton ('92)*; Robert McMitton ('92)*; *New Members on the Committee

STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Jerry Young presented the following of the Strategy and Planning Committee.

BACKGROUND

Two years ago, our moderator Tom Julien challenged the Fellowship Council to "present to National Conference, by 1989, a fully-developed strategy of outreach for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, giving us direction for the final decade of our century." The Fellowship Council commissioned a Strategy Committee composed of Jim Custer, Tom Julien and Ed Trenner to work on this challenge.

The work began with a survey of pastors and leaders all over the Fellowship so that the strategy would grow up from the grass roots and not be imposed from above. The Committee met several times to consider the information being gathered. Then in January of this year, the Committee sat down with selected pastors and leaders to compose the first draft of a directional statement. This proposed statement was presented to the Fellowship Council and adopted.

The Council also directed that we present the recommendations on purpose and general objectives to National Conference, and authorized the continuation of the Strategy Committee for the purpose of goal refinement and implementation.

At the same January meeting, Jim Custer announced his resignation from the Committee. David Plaster and Jerry Young were nominated and elected to the Strategy Committee.

PROGRESS

The Committee met in February, May and July to continue the work of information gathering, goal refinement and National Conference planning. The attached draft of the directional statement received its latest revision last Friday evening and was approved by the Fellowship Council for presentation to National Conference today.

Also attached to this report is a listing of current advisors to the Committee. We urge you to communicate with the advisor of your choice to influence the strategic direction of our Fellowship. The full Advisory Committee will

meet this afternoon to plan its work for the coming year.

Any effective planning process must remain open to re-evaluation. While the directional statement represents the best thinking at this time, everything is "written in pencil, not ink" and is open to revision. Your participation is vital to our success.

CONCLUSION

A military commander never commits his forces to battle without a plan. To do otherwise invites great loss of life and eventual defeat. And we are in a battle. A battle for the souls of men and women, boys and girls. Casualties are being taken. We dare not commit our forces to battle again this year without a plan.

We believe our plan deserves your careful evaluation and wholehearted support.

Tom Julien

David Plaster

Ed Trenner

Jerry Young, Chm.

MASTERPLAN of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

July 31, 1989

In the light of the needs of our world, the concerns within our churches, and the mandates of our Lord, the Strategy Committee recommends the following purpose statement, six objectives and goals for the 1990's. We believe the following dreams reflect the kind of Fellowship we desire in the year 2000 AD...a Fellowship both alive with faith and pleasing to our Lord.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches Exists to Encourage and Enable Member Churches in Equipping and Uniting the Saints in Fulfilling the Great Commission.

Continuing Objectives of FGBC

1. To encourage personal fellowship with Jesus characterized by love and obedience to His Word.
2. To encourage personal evangelism and discipleship.
3. To disciple leaders for present and future ministries throughout the Fellowship.
4. To plant Grace Brethren Churches world-wide.
5. To develop clear communication throughout the Fellowship.
6. To strategize and implement vision throughout the Fellowship.

GOALS OF FGBC

1. To encourage personal fellowship with Jesus characterized by love and obedience to His Word.

A. Stimulate a renewed and creative emphasis on the systematic practice of prayer by:

a. encouraging a "Day with God" in each local church at least once a year.

b. encouraging each district to conduct a District Prayer Retreat at least every three years,

c. making a "Day with God" and Communion regular events at National Conference.

B. Encourage each pastor to make himself accountable on a monthly basis to another pastor for his personal holiness, prayer and example to the flock.

C. Encourage spiritual revival in our churches by:

a. encouraging every pastor to adopt the Covenant of Spiritual Unity.

b. preaching that encourages obedience to God's Word, and is in harmony with the Statement of Faith,

c. modeling a standard of holy living for our people to follow,

d. providing ministry opportunities that demand courageous faith and sacrifice.

2. To encourage personal evangelism and discipleship.

A. Design a strategy that promotes evangelism and discipleship internationally in Grace Brethren Churches.

B. Encourage every pastor and missionary to formulate a personal strategy of evangelism and discipleship including goals and accountability.

3. To disciple leaders for present and future ministries throughout the Fellowship.

A. Design an integrated training process that develops and mobilizes leaders among our men, women, children and youth.

B. Encourage each district ministerium to identify the needs of its pastors and provide training help in maximizing their leadership.

4. To plant Grace Brethren Churches world-wide.

A. The 1990 Conference prayerfully coordinate efforts to plant a new Grace Brethren Church within the proximity of that year's conference site, and that every three years thereafter National Conference convene in a major city for the same purpose.

B. Agree on the identifying elements of a Grace Brethren Church in any culture world-wide.

C. Encourage the existing 1000 Grace Brethren Churches world-wide to participate in the planting of a new church resulting in 2000 indigenous GBC churches by 2000 AD.

D. Provide simple models of church planting usable both here and abroad utilizing available resources and lay leadership.

5. To develop clear communication throughout the Fellowship.

A. Create a central information gathering and distribution center for the Fellowship.

B. Publish an easily revisable, pictorial Pastor's Prayer Directory.

C. Encourage greater communication, relationship and accountability between pastors, churches, and districts on the basis of natural geographic clusters.

6. To strategize and implement vision throughout the Fellowship.

A. The strategy committee continue its work of coordinating a Fellowship strategy.

a. The Strategy Advisory Group meet yearly with the leaders of national organizations for the purpose of implementation and coordination.

b. A yearly budget with suggestions for funding to be submitted by the committee.

B. Implement plans to establish an International Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

a. Identify the leadership of the international fellowship.

b. Establish a communication system to track church planting world-wide.

C. Organize an international conference by 1995 with representation from each country.

D. Provide for lay participation in all decision-making bodies of the Fellowship.

COVENANT OF SPIRITUAL UNITY

Spiritual unity is necessary for the blessings of God in the midst of our earthly spiritual conflict.

Areas of disagreement are inevitable; however, spiritual disunity must be dealt with and the principle of reconciliation be applied.

Gossip and destructive criticism needs to be dealt with quickly.

When problems arise, they should be resolved with the person concerned and not with others.

Constructive criticism is welcomed, but must be directed to the individual concerned.

Manipulation of others to fulfill a personal desire is to be avoided.

Consideration, sensitivity, grace, love, and tolerance of personal differences must be shown to each other in the spirit of Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-8.

STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP

Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

* Indicates Strategy Committee Member
Charles Ashman, Jay Bell, John Burke, Larry Chamberlain, John Davis, Jim Dixon, Bob Fetterhoff, Dean Fetterhoff, Wayne Hannah, *Tom Julien, Luke Kauffman, Ed Lewis, David Marksbury, Paul Mutchler, Roger Peugh, *David Plaster, Jim Poyner, Larry Smithwick, Bill Snell, John Teevan, Sonny Thayer, Ron Thompson, *Ed Trenner, Charles Turner, Roger Wambold, Paul Woodruff, *Jerry Young

A motion prevailed to extend the time sufficiently to complete the item presently on the floor.

A motion prevailed to adopt the Strategy and Planning Committee report as printed, subject to the refinement of the goals presented by the Strategy Committee.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

SECOND SESSION,

Tuesday morning, August 1, 1989

Moderator John Davis called the second business session of the F.G.B.C. to order.

Moderator John Davis led in prayer.

In various reports to the conference the Membership Committee reported a total of 322 ministerial and 475 lay delegates for a second session total of 797

A motion prevailed to seat the delegates from Dryhill, Ky. and Temple Hills, Maryland

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS COMMITTEE

Dean Fetterhoff gave the following Moderator's Address Committee report,

We believe that Dr. Davis' analysis of the crumbling foundations of our society are timely and that his plea for urgency in the presentation of the gospel to perishing men and women should be heeded. We should pray that we will be gripped by a new realization of the suffering that will be felt by those who die in a lost condition.

We commend our Moderator for his perspicacity in being able to discern positive responses to the need of our day, that is, (1) an unwavering commitment to our Lord Jesus and to our spiritual heritage, (2) an uncompromising concern for theological integrity and doctrinal consistency, (3) to exhibit and unreserved compassion for the lost and (4) to develop a unanimous consent for a more efficient and unified organization.

Relative to the Moderator's recommendation for a more efficient and unified organization, we strongly endorse the continuation of the "Day With God," the encouraging of young men to consider full time pastoral ministry with strong local church support, and our fully endorsing the Richmond challenge of next year's conference.

Since the election of a Moderator for a two-year term, the clarification of the relationship of Districts to the National Conference and the procurement of a full-time representative, coordinator or executive director would require modification or clarification of the by-laws of our conference, we refer these recommendations to the Fellowship Council for further consideration.

We urge all present to join Dr. Davis "in the challenging years ahead to keep the flame burning . . . to pass the torch of God's eternal truth to godly young men and women so that

the world can feel the warmth of that fire and enjoy the illuminating light it provides."

Dean Fetterhoff, Chm.

Edwin Cashman

A motion prevailed to receive this report.

The results of the election for Moderator elect and Fellowship Council members was given by the secretary. They are Moderator/elect- Jerry Young; Western Area- Greg Howell

A further vote was needed for Central and Eastern members to the Council. The nominees were as follows: Central- Robert Combs and Jesse Deloe; Eastern- Michael Rockafellow and H. Don Rough

A motion prevailed that we ratify the following appointments by the Fellowship Council: Conference Co-ordinator- Charles Ashman; Conf. Treasurer- Steve Popenfoose; Conf. Secretary- Ken Koontz; Conf. Statistician- Sherwood Durkee.

An announcement was made by the Moderator of a special business meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

GBC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bernie Simmons and Ed Lewis gave a report from the GBC Christian Education Board. This report was distributed in printed form. Financial report was given by Ed Underwood.

Psalms 98:1 says it best for time between 1988 till this conference... "Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things."

I. CE has always been especially associated with youth . . . and for a good reason. God has used CE to encourage spiritual growth in tomorrow's church leaders. Last year, 1869 people were at Brethren National Youth Conference— the largest group ever to attend this annual event. Hundreds of youth grew spiritually and participated in outreach through the optional "BLITZ" of the community.

Through national youth cabinets, strategy planning and prayer, CE is entering the Year of Youth Outreach— a year-long outreach emphasis for our churches. As over 1600 are registered for Brethren National Youth Conference next week in Eastern Kentucky University, it will include aggressive goals, training, and resources as well as 3-ring notebooks with helps for the year, 15 new evangelism-training booklets, preparation sessions for youth and training for adults.

Among children's area, the new SMM revisions are being widely acclaimed as being first-quality materials to help women and girls apply the scriptural admonition in Titus 2 of "older women teaching the younger women." Chery Otermat, new Director of Girl's Ministries and her national SMM cabinet have done excellent preparation in helping churches in club ministries that focus on discipleship,

character training, outreach, missions training, Bible study, etc. The National WMC is very supportive of the new SMM program revisions. Thanks ladies.

While there are many exciting new areas of development in youth and children's areas to help in the training and encouragement of youth workers and young people, we recognize that 50 percent of the world's population is 24 years old or younger and we need to encourage our church youth workers as they train their future leaders.

II. CE has also been associated with ministry experiences. CE has stimulated training experiences because it's only as a person reaches out that he'll grow. Knowledge alone is not enough (see Philemon 6).

Ministry experiences are modeled through all the programs of CE, but of high priority is CE's TIME program. Training In Missionary Endeavor has expanded its influence this year through a TIME orientation program. CE operates this program in inner-city Chicago prior to summer ministries with Euro-Missions Institute, Safari of Hope, as well as other teams. This year, teams also went to Brazil, the Philippines, inner-city Philadelphia, the Navajo Mission, and Kentucky. New staff member, Chery Otermat, has been instrumental in these changes.

We also have seen a great ministry emphasis through the training and experiences offered to senior high youth involved in Operation Barnabas. Since 1988, we have seen 154 participants learning outreach, ministry skills and team relationships.

III. Christian Education has continued to have a helping attitude to assist churches.

Pastor Ken Brown has spearheaded the new TWENTIES program held annually to stimulate ministries for young singles. PSA-Programmed Statistical Analysis is a computer print-out list to encourage evaluation and growth in Sunday Schools, church and membership. A new 4-Star Sunday School program was instituted to encourage small group and Adult Bible Fellowships-- a great, small group growth concept for the 90's. CE Sunday School Seminars have been instituted and are available to districts. Scripture Press curriculum continues to be helping many of our Grace Brethren churches.

In order to help churches, CE has completed the entire Biblical Belief series for youth and adults (with leaders guides) to teach the tenets of the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith. A new order form shows the many resources available for churches.

IV. CE has continued to be the link to the future of the FGBC.

Whether through the numerous missionaries who entered Foreign, Home or Navajo Missions

as a result of TIME or through the over 800 who have been involved in Operation Barnabas training through 16 years of the program or the leaders who entered Grace College, NAC, or BNYC programs, CE is the link to the future.

God has especially blessed through the addition of EJ Underwood last year as Assistant BNYC Director and Director of Personnel and Finance, as well as with the addition of Chery Otermat and many excellent support staff. The board asked that I become full-time Executive Director for CE in October 1988. In spite of these aggressive decisions, we faced a financial crisis that almost closed the office. God answered prayers of the people in giving the largest offering ever received in 2 months that reduced all but \$11,000 of the cash deficit! While it's been difficult to carry the extended financial burdens, we've been good stewards with spending and we rejoice that God keeps us trusting Him daily for sustenance.

Through the years, we believe God has been demonstrating His goodness and there's no doubt but of the need for assisting churches in leadership development. CE is needed.

CE is a vital part of the Great Commission. The Great Commission doesn't stop with evangelism . . . or discipleship . . . or church planting. It includes *"teaching to observe all things."*

GBC Christian Education ministries need to be prioritized as being important to growth as other organizations. CE is working so hard to help . . . that why we're confused with our best friends— Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Grace Schools, local church CE, and Christian schools. Because part of the confusion comes from our name, we've recommended a name change and a status change in relationship to the Fellowship that gives greater identity nationally, yet is broad enough to assist in the various areas of Christian education.

Please pray that CE can be effective in helping our churches in this vital role of leadership development. We have a burden for your churches.

GBC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
Statement of Activity and Fund Balance	
For the year ending December 31, 1988	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
General Income	\$178,389
Equipment	6,121
Church Ministries	18,862
Youth Ministries:	
SMM	29,162
Operation Barnabas	48,337
General Youth	439,831
TIME Ministries	117,069
Total Support and Revenue	\$837,771
EXPENSES	
General Overhead	\$205,047

Equipment	7,548
Church Ministries	18,739
Youth Ministries:	
SMM	23,923
Operation Barnabas	52,075
General Youth	442,488
TIME Ministries	118,368
Total Expenses	868,188
Excess Support & Rev. Over Exp.	(30,417)
Fund Balance, Begin. of the year	139,775
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$109,358</u>

The financial records of GBC Christian Education for year ending December 31, 1988 were closed in a timely manner and audited by the firm of Owens, Mason, Eastman & Company.

A copy of the audit report was submitted to the Fellowship Council as stated in the bylaws Article VIII Section One.

A copy of the statement of Activity and Fund Balance and Balance Sheet have been printed in CE's 1989 Annual Report which has been distributed to the conference.

As of July 31st we have fallen short of our Budgeted General Offerings by 25.4 percent. Our 1989 budget is a zero balanced budget which means we need to make up the 25.4 percent between now and the end of the year in order to end the year in black.

We have implemented certain spending reductions which contributes to a more positive picture than stated.

We continually need your prayers and financial support in order for the current CE Ministries to continue at their present level.

If we do not receive your support it will be necessary to cut personnel and programs.

We challenge each of you pastors, delegates and friends to actively support the ministry of the CE office as we endeavor to minister to the local church through education and youth.

GBC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
BALANCE SHEET	
For the year ending December 31, 1988	
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash—Unrestricted	\$9,206
Cash—Restricted	52,020
Total Cash	61,226
Accounts Receivable	4,866
Inventory	22,267
Pre-paid Expenses	635
Deposits	500
Total Current Assets	<u>\$89,494</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:	
Land & Building Dep.	\$68,125
Capital Improvements Less Dep.	3,078

Vehicles Less Depreciation	15,048
Office Furniture & Equip. Less Dep.	30,103
Total Fixed Assets	\$116,354

TOTAL ASSETS \$205,848

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$12,429
Payroll Tax Liability	2,819
Short Term Loan and other Liability	29,648

Total Current Liabilities 44,896

Long Term Liabilities:

Mortgage Payable	51,594
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Total Liabilities 96,490

Fund Balances:

General Fund Balance	79,193
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Restricted Funds:

Misc. Restricted & Equip. Offering Funds	1,406
Youth Funds	(450)
Scholarship Fund	17,735
T.I.M.E. Funds	11,474

Total Restricted Funds Balance \$30,165

Total Funds 109,358

TOTAL LIAB. & FUND BALANCES: \$205,848

A motion prevailed to receive these reports.

GBC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROPOSAL

Greetings My Fellow Delegate,

GBC Christian Ed has always been a "creature of conference", but its ministry has now grown to the point that it is too cumbersome for the conference to act as its "parent." In other words, GBC Christian Ed has grown up. The Fellowship Council has encouraged the CE Board to consider incorporating as a separate entity from conference, and to be related to the Fellowship in the same way as Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Grace Schools. Our Board concurs with the Fellowship Council, and has designed the following proposed bylaws under which the new corporation would function. These proposed bylaws are enclosed in your packet so that you can be properly informed in advance of the business sessions. The Christian Ed Board, at its place on the conference agenda, will be recommending that the delegates authorize the new incorporation under these proposed bylaws.

We look forward to a continued cooperative relationship in serving this GBC Fellowship. What a wonderful Lord we serve.

On behalf of the GBC Christian Ed Board,

Bernie Simmons, President
GBC Christian Education Board

PROPOSED BYLAWS ARTICLE I

Section I - Name

The name of the corporation shall be C E National, Inc., an affiliate of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc. (Hereinafter referred to as the "corporation")

Section II - Seal

The corporation shall have a corporate seal which shall be as follows: A circular disc, on the outer margin of which shall appear the corporate name and State of Incorporation, with the words, "Corporate Seal" through the center, so mounted that it may be used to impress these words in raised letters upon paper. The seal shall be in the charge of the Secretary.

Section III - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin at the beginning of the first day of October and end at the close of the last day of September.

ARTICLE II

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this corporation shall consist of those contributing \$25.00 or more during the fiscal year to the support of the work of the corporation, and who are members of a church affiliated with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc. Life membership in the corporation shall be given to a qualified person giving \$500.00 or more during the fiscal year.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION

Section I - Time and Place of Meetings

Annual business sessions of the corporation shall be held at such time and place as shall be properly designated or authorized by the corporation for the purpose of transacting business and the nomination of directors of the Board. Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Board of Directors by notifying the members of the corporation 30 days in advance of such meeting, stating the reason for the said meeting.

Section II - Voting at Meetings

Except as otherwise provided by law or by the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, every member of the corporation shall have the right to vote on all matters relating to the corporation.

Section III - Quorum for the Corporation

Fifty members of the corporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote shall decide all matters of business of the corporation.

Section IV - Order of Business Sessions of the Corporation

The president, and in his absence, the vice president, shall call meetings of the corporation to order and shall act as chairman of such meetings. The secretary of the corporation shall act as the secretary of all meetings of the corporation. In the absence of the secretary, the presiding officer may appoint any member of the Board of Directors to act as secretary of the meeting.

The Board of Directors shall at the annual business session of the corporation submit nominations for filling the office of such directors whose terms are expiring. Other nominations may be made from the floor by members of the corporation. The approved nominees shall be presented to the corporation members in a mail ballot with the results of the election to be reported at the next annual corporation meeting. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Board of Directors between corporation elections may be filled by the Board until the next corporation election.

The Board of Directors shall submit such other business to the members of the corporation as demands decision of the corporation.

This code of regulations may be amended by majority vote at any business session of the corporation.

Section V. Relationship with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc.

This corporation desires to serve the Fellowship as a cooperating organization as set forth in Article X of the Fellowship's Bylaws. Therefore its members shall be required membership in a Grace Brethren Church, it shall have representation on its Board of Directors from each of the three geographical regions of the Fellowship as identified in Article VII of the Fellowship's Bylaws, and the corporation and Board of Directors must subscribe to the Statement of Faith set forth in Section II of Article II of the Fellowship's Bylaws. An annual report, including a statement of financial condition and financial activities for the preceding year, shall be submitted to the Conference in the manner prescribed by the Fellowship Council.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I - Election Process

The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than nine, nor more than fifteen members, with three to five being elected annually by a majority of the corporation represented at the annual meeting of the corporation. Such directors shall hold office for a three-year term; after three terms, a year must transpire before further election. The directors must subscribe to the Statement of Faith, and shall represent the

three geographical regions identified by the Fellowship.

Section II - Board Duties

The corporated power of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors, who shall have control and management of the business of the corporation.

At the annual business session of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall submit nominations for filling the office of such directors whose terms are expiring, or of any vacancies of office. Other nominations may be made from the floor by members of the corporation. The approved nominees shall be presented to the corporation members in a mail ballot with the results of the election to be reported at the next annual corporation meeting.

Section III - Incomplete Terms of Office

A director may resign at any time by filing his written resignation with the secretary. Any director may be removed for cause at any time at any regular meeting, or at a special meeting of the corporation, called for such purpose, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors through death, resignation, removal or other cause, said vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors until the vote of the corporation membership at the next annual meeting.

Section IV - Board Meeting

The Board of Directors shall meet annually for the transaction of business and election of officers at such times and places as may be determined by the Board itself.

Section V - Board Quorum

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, the presence of a majority of the members of the board then qualified and acting, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. A majority vote shall determine all matters for decision coming before the Board of Directors.

Section VI - Organization of Board

The president and in his absence the vice president and in their absence any director chosen by the directors present, shall call meetings of the Board of Directors to order and shall act as chairman of such meetings. The secretary of the corporation shall act as secretary of the Board of Directors, but in the absence of the secretary, the presiding officer may appoint any director to act as secretary of the meeting.

Section VII - Order of Board Business

The order of business at all meetings of the Board of Directors shall follow an agenda to be adopted by the Board of Directors. Said agenda is to be prepared in advance by the Executive Director of the corporation.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Section I - Officers

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, one or more members-at-large, and the Executive Director. With the exception of the Executive Director, the officers must be members of the Board of Directors, their term of office shall be for one year, and they shall serve as the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may decide matters of major administrative importance demanding immediate attention occurring during the interim between the sessions of the directors. They may meet at any time set by the president or a majority of the Executive Committee as the need may arise.

The Board of Directors by resolution may create and define the duties of other offices in the corporation and may elect or appoint persons to fill such offices.

Section II - Vacancies

Whenever any vacancies shall occur in any office by death, resignation, increase in the number of offices of the corporation, or otherwise, the same shall be filled by the Board of Directors, and the officer so elected shall hold office until his successor is chosen and qualified.

Section III - President and Vice President

The president shall preside at all meetings of the corporation, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, discharge all the duties which devolve upon a presiding officer, and perform such other duties as this code of bylaws provides, or the Board of Directors may prescribe.

In case of the absence or incapacity of the president, the vice president shall perform all duties belonging to the office of the president.

Section IV - Secretary

The secretary shall have the custody and care of the corporate minutes. He shall attend all meetings of the corporation, the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee and shall keep, or cause to be kept, a true and complete record of the proceedings of such meetings. He shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section V - Executive Director

The Executive Director shall be selected by the Board of Directors. He shall supervise the various enterprises of the corporation along the lines laid down by the directors. He shall consult the Executive Committee on all matters of major administrative importance that arise during the interim between sessions of the

directors of the corporation. His term of office shall be from year to year. No less than once every five years, the Board of Directors shall conduct a formal evaluation of the Executive Director.

The Executive Director shall have the custody and care of the corporation finances, keeping a correct and complete record of account, showing accurately at all times, the financial condition of the corporation. He shall be the legal custodian of all properties, monies, notes, securities and other valuables which may from time to time come into the possession of the corporation. He shall immediately deposit all funds of the corporation coming into his hands in some reliable bank or other depository to be designated by the Board of Directors, and shall keep such bank account and properties in the name of the corporation.

The Executive Director shall furnish at meetings of the Board of Directors, or whenever requested by them, a statement of the financial condition of the corporation, and shall perform such other duties as this code of bylaws may require or the Board of Directors may prescribe. He shall be bonded in such amount as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. He shall be charged with the responsibility of conducting the affairs of the corporation together with the management of its office affairs and staff as directed by the Board of Directors. He shall be the local agent of the corporation.

Section VI - Delegation of Authority

In case of the absence of any officer of the corporation, or for any other reason that the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the Board of Directors may delegate the powers or duties of such officer to any other officer or to any director, for the time needed, provided a majority of the entire Board of Directors concurs therein.

Section VII - Execution of Documents

Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, all contracts, leases, commercial paper and other instruments in writing and legal documents, shall be signed by the president and attested by the secretary. All bonds, deeds and mortgages shall be signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

All checks, drafts, notes and orders for the payment of money shall be signed by those officers or employees of the corporation as the directors may from time to time designate.

BAPTISM — MEMBERSHIP ISSUE

The following motion was made and seconded: I move that we as a Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches rescind the membership resolution of 1964, and that article 3 section 1 number 5 be rewritten to reflect the Biblical

mandate of trine immersion only as a prerequisite for membership in all Grace Brethren Churches and be worded as follows:

Number 5: In the performance of the ordinances it shall practice baptism by trine immersion only and the three-fold communion service only, and that as of National Conference of 1990 all members will be trine immersed except for medical exceptions.

Article III Section 3 subpt. 4 (Exception be deleted.)

Not wanting to be ungracious and insensitive to those churches who in accord with our present By-laws have allowed members without trine immersion, we are providing in the spirit of Acts 19, a one year period to allow the Pastors and leaders of our churches to instruct those non-trine immersed members of their need to be trine immersed.

This motion could not be voted on in this session because it deals with matters that pertain to the By-laws, and in accord with our Bylaws was referred to the Fellowship Council for study and report back to the next business session.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

THIRD SESSION,

Tuesday afternoon - August 1, 1989

Moderator John Davis called this special session of the F.G.B.C. to order: Four individuals lead in prayer.

In various reports to the conference the Membership Committee reported a total of 324 ministerium and 474 lay delegates for a total of 798.

A motion prevailed to accept the following churches into the F.G.B.C.

1. Koinonia Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.

2. Basinger Christian Brethren Church of Okeechobee, Fl.

3. Southern Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church of Emmaus, Pa.

A motion prevailed that we appeal the rules of the By-laws to let the churches who have let people into membership without requiring baptism by Triune immersion because of medical limitations only, be allowed to vote on baptismal issues.

A motion prevailed that the minutes be approved as printed.

Discussion resumed on the motion given in the last business session on the baptism-membership issue.

The Fellowship Council report on this issue was given by Charles Ashman.

This report was as follows:

That we leave the 1964 - 66 decision unchanged, but to implement it properly:

1. That a credential form be drafted to enable us to implement the conditions of the 64 - 66

decision and sent to the Council members for approval. This has been done.

2. That clear communications with respect to this decision indicating that there is no desire by the Council to close the door of fellowship to any of our churches be made with all the churches. This too has been done.

3. That said communication does have to do with their membership representation and voting privileges in the conference.

A motion prevailed to table discussion and vote on this motion until tomorrow in order to get another important motion on the floor.

A motion was made and seconded to let GBC Christian Education Department of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc. be authorized to file for incorporation, at the earliest reasonable period of time, under the proposed by-laws that are included in this year's delegate packets, and that the new corporation begin operation under these Bylaws upon completion of incorporation. We recommend, that subsequent to the acceptance of the Fellowship Council, the new corporation be recognized as a Cooperating Organization of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc., according to the requirements and procedures of the Fellowship's Bylaws, Article X.

A motion prevailed that we amend the above motion to include the words "that the proper wording required for the change in the Bylaws be referred to the parliamentary committee."

The motion then prevailed as amended to let Christian Ed incorporate.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

FOURTH SESSION,

Wednesday morning - August 2, 1989

Moderator John Davis called this business session of the F.G.B.C. to order.

The moderator then led in prayer.

The Membership Committee reported a new total of 326 Ministerium and 474 Lay for a total of 800 delegates.

A motion prevailed that the minutes be approved as printed.

Discussion was continued on the tabled motion on the baptism-membership issue from last meeting.

A substitute motion was presented as follows:

1. That henceforth in the performance of the ordinances all GBCs shall practice baptism by trine immersion only and the three fold communion service only.

2. That henceforth all GBCs will admit to the membership of their local church only those who have been baptised by trine immersion.

3. That all individuals who have been received into the membership of a local GBC prior to the 1989 National Conference be retained in membership provided they have

publicly professed Christ as Savior and have been baptised by immersion.

4. That we grant an exception to the above only for circumstances which would endanger the life and/or health of the individual.
5. That only those who have been trine immersed shall be eligible to serve as delegates to National Conference.
6. That the exception clause in Art. 3, Sec. 3, No. 4 be deleted.

And that those churches which have accepted single immersed members prior to 1989 National Conference may accept into membership any person transferring from another GBC without requiring their re-baptism. They may not accept any new members or members transferring from another non-GBC without first requiring trine immersion.

Those churches who have constantly required re-baptism may and should continue to do so of all those new members and transfer members who have not previously been trine-immersed

A motion prevailed to allot each speaker only 5 minutes in the debate.

A motion prevailed to extend the meeting to 11:30 a.m.

A motion prevailed to move the previous question.

The Rules and Organization Committee presented the churches who are eligible to vote on this issue. The moderator led in prayer before the vote was taken. A ballot vote was taken.

GBC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ELECTION

Bernie Simmons presented the ballot for the Christian Ed Board. The nominations are as follows: Denny Brown, Gary Henley, Bud Olszewski, Bob Percy, Mitch Picard.

A motion prevailed to place these names in nomination.

BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES REPORT

Ron Thompson highlighted the printed report of the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries and Vernon Harris gave an additional report.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

As your representative charged with the responsibility "to promote evangelism in every possible way throughout the FGBC", we are totally convinced that God has given us a tremendous challenge and opportunity to change our world for Christ. Despite the fact that we are but a tiny voice within a relatively small fellowship of churches, submerged in the greater mainstream of evangelical Christianity, we still believe God can use a consecrated minority!

OUR OPERATIONS

The Robert Collitt Memorial Award for evangelism was presented to Edward Lewis,

pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Pompano Beach, Florida at last year's conference. Pastor Lewis has been a worthy example of personal evangelism.

BEM has expanded its products. In addition to the *Newsletter* sent quarterly to pastors, missionaries and chaplains, a *First Team Prayer Letter* is going out to those who have indicated a desire to support our new executive director. The *FLR Love Letter* is being mailed to all alumni of First Love Renewal seminars as a tool for follow-up and encouragement. *The Other Evangelism* is a new book we have published which describes the fundamental principles of First Love Renewal. An *FLR Chorus cassette tape* for use in worship is now available. BEM is cooperating with the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. to provide *free Gospel tracts* for our delegates to distribute as God gives them opportunity. We devote at least one page in every issue of the *Herald* magazine to helpful articles on evangelism.

BEM sponsored three First Love Renewals this Spring. Individuals were saved both during and following these seminars. Hundreds were in attendance, and many believers stood at the altar as an act of consecration to God to be a channel to impact our world for Christ. The enthusiastic response and positive comments about this ministry have been most encouraging. Invitations for future First Love Renewals have come from leaders both here and abroad.

Ron Thompson was appointed executive director of BEM on a full-time basis on May 15. This has been a monumental act of faith on the part of our board of directors in view of BEM's limited budget. Ron is available to promote our ministry and conduct crusades and First Love Renewals in our churches. In view of the significance of our responsibility to the fellowship, this is a positive step forward toward the realization of our goals and purpose.

Approaching the decade of the 90's it is the desire of BEM to have a definite and cooperative part in the future growth of our Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. We view the purpose statement and continuing objectives of the FGBC Strategy Committee in its Vision for the 90's as excellent in scope. We heartily endorse such worthy goals, and stand willing to do our part to encourage personal evangelism. Never in the history of our fellowship has BEM had a clearer and more definite reason to exist! It would appear that God has anointed and directed Brethren Evangelistic Ministries to make some significant contributions to the present needs of our fellowship. Perhaps in His sovereignty He has placed us here to serve you for such a time as this!

OUR OFFERINGS

God has challenged us to believe Him for a dramatic increase in offerings for 1989. Our

new executive director has been asked to raise \$10,000 toward his personal support by the end of this year. To date approximately \$4,300 has been promised. The attached financial report reflects our urgent need of additional gifts if we are to continue serving you effectively. The average Grace Brethren member gave nearly \$95 in 1987 for the praiseworthy ministry of home and foreign missions, but contributions to BEM averaged only 68 cents! Why do we have such a tiny budget for evangelism when that ought to be the number one reason for our existence? We beseech you to stand with us in prayer and financial support as never before. Even an increase to \$1.00 per member this year would communicate an encouraging message to our directors. We ask you the delegates at this year's conference to take the enclosed insert back home to your churches and prayerfully consider becoming a more active part of our BEM Team. Special appreciation is extended to those individuals and churches who already are.

Respectively Submitted,

Ron E. Thompson, Executive Director

We have reviewed the accompanying balance sheet of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries as of December 31, 1988-1987 and the related statements of income and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of management of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries.

Based on our review, with the exception of the matters described in the following paragraph, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

Winona Lake, Indiana

SCHEDULE OF NET INCOME

For the Year Ended December 31, 1988

REVENUE

Income—churches	\$26,384
Income—individuals	970
Income—First Love Revival	2,949
Income—districts	378
	<u>30,681</u>

COST OF PROVIDING REVENUE

President's support	4,080
Office salaries	606
FICA expense	25
	<u>4,711</u>

GROSS MARGIN 25,970

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Herald annual expense	2,221
Promotion	3,324
First Love Revival	9,664
Conference speakers	2,806
President's expense	372
Board members travel expense	5,547
Christian education scholarship	1,000
Telephone expense	794
Office supplies	3,262
Depreciation	166
	<u>29,156</u>

OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (3,186)

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)

Interest income	586
Tax refund	3,679
Miscellaneous income	110
Interest expense	-0-
Miscellaneous expense	(324)
	<u>4,051</u>

NET INCOME (LOSS) \$ 865

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1988

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 2,549
Savings Deposits	8,064
	<u>\$10,613</u>

Fixed Assets:

Office equipment	1,636
Less: Accumulated depreciation	166
	<u>\$ 1,470</u>
	<u>\$12,083</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Overdraft on checking account	\$ -0-
FICA withholding tax payable	43
Total Current Liabilities	<u>43</u>

EQUITY

	<u>12,040</u>
	<u>\$12,083</u>

A motion prevailed to accept these reports.

The Rules and Organizational Committee gave the result of the vote on the substitute motion on the baptism-membership issue.

Yes, 436; No, 153; Abstain, 6.

The substitute motion will now become the main motion to be dealt with in the special meeting this afternoon.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

FIFTH SESSION,

Wednesday afternoon - August 2, 1989

The moderator John Davis called the business session to order.

The moderator John Davis led in prayer.

The election report for the Fellowship Council was given. Central Area - Jesse Deloe; Eastern Area - H. Don Rough

Ron Thompson presented the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries ballot as follows: Laymen; Don Dollens, *Bill Kellerman, *Don Kendall, Ed Waken. Ministers; *Dr. J. Keith Altig, George Christie, Timothy George, *H. Don Rough. *denotes incumbent

A motion prevailed to place these names in nomination.

A motion prevailed for nominations to cease.

A motion prevailed concerning the necessary change in our bylaws relative to C.E. National.

BY-LAW CHANGES: The Parliamentary Committee recommends the following changes in the by-laws to reflect the newly created C.E. National, Inc. Board:

1. That Article VIII Section Two be deleted which refers to the former Board of Christian Education and renumber the remaining sections to represent the change.
2. That Article X Section Four titled *Recognized Organizations*, be expanded to include C.E. National, Incorporated as cooperating organization number 10.

BAPTISM-MEMBERSHIP ISSUE

Discussion resumed on the motion on the table concerning the baptism-membership issue.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the motion as follows:

In point 3 to strike out the phrase "have been baptised by immersion"

Last paragraph to use the phrase "non-triune" in place of "single".

A standing vote was taken with the count so close that the moderator called for a ballot vote.

Other business was conducted while the vote was counted.

Don Shoemaker presented the following Social Concerns Committee report.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Your Social Concerns Committee has been active in the past year in several ways.

Our primary service is through mailings to our churches. Three such mailings were done since last year's conference:

1. Information and a call to action regarding the movie "The Last Temptation of Christ."
2. A mailing on several social concerns issues.
3. A mailing focusing specifically on "Operation Rescue," a movement of mostly Evangelical Christians who block access to abortion facilities and face arrest and jailing for doing so.

With regard to "Operation Rescue," our committee chairman produced a ten-page detailed analysis of this tactic. Our committee was unanimous in endorsing this analysis, which recommended non-participation in Operation Rescue. At the same time, we recognize that

many Christians will participate in Operation Rescue as a matter of conscience and out of a sense of conviction that they are properly applying biblical injunctions. Our report, which is available at this conference, makes nine recommendations to our churches on this issue.

Throughout the year, our committee members are frequently called upon to offer guidance to our churches and to pastors and laypeople on various social issues.

Last Fall, our committee conducted a survey of several comparable Evangelical denominations to see what they provided on social concerns. Given our size and understanding of our mission, we conclude that our present social concerns effort is appropriate, though it would always be good to do more.

We urge our local churches to establish congregational Social Concerns Committees. These committees will equip and channel appropriately gifted people and help raise the whole congregation's social conscience. Our committee will advise you on this later in the year.

We urge our churches to develop a library and resource center on social concerns issues. We want to help you do this. This year our committee made the video "Your Crisis Pregnancy" available to our churches at a special price.

We urge churches to network with other churches, especially in our Brethren districts, so that issues of concern can be easily brought to many people's attention.

We caution our churches to be vigilant to maintain the principle of religious freedom. We are concerned with the increasing zeal of government at all levels to regulate church affairs. Manly efforts sound good, such as antidiscrimination laws or laws requiring that businesses provide health insurance to employees. But the end result is increased regulation of churches.

Our committee expenses last year were \$837.78, and we again would anticipate a budget up to \$1,000 this year.

Please contact our committee with your ideas, advice, requests and concerns. We are here to serve our churches, our neighbor, our nation and our Lord.

Donald Shoemaker, Chairman
Russ Ogden
Bob Fetterhoff
John Teevan

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Ron Guiles presented the following Resolutions Committee report.

The Resolutions Committee has examined the resolutions presented to conference over the past several years and we feel that there is no need for additional resolutions to be made at

this time. Therefore, we call on the conference to reaffirm its commitment to those resolutions adopted in previous years regarding the sanctity of life, the free exercise of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, and a renewed emphasis on personal devotion to Christ and to prayer.

The Resolutions Committee would welcome recommendations from the pastors and the lay people of the Fellowship regarding resolutions to be brought before conference next year. Such proposed resolutions should be sent to any member of the Resolutions Committee in ample time for consideration.

I move that this report be adopted and that the continuing resolutions be printed in the *Annual* as a part of this report.

The Resolutions Committee

Richard Mayhue, Chairman

Ron Guiles

Jim Poyner

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

Larry Chamberlain presented the following Retirement Planning Committee report.

Retirement Planning Committee

The Promise of Honor campaign, designed to fund retirement benefits for retired pastors and widows cash assets as of July 28, 1989, of \$89,870.77, in with receivables from the FGBC general fund of approximately \$65,000 for a total current asset fund of \$154,870.77. During the fiscal year of July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989, \$45,312.16 was disbursed to retired pastors and widows. With each check I enclose a letter of encouragement to remind each participant that they are not forgotten, that they belong to a united Fellowship who love them and is committed to Our Promise of Honor.

The Pension Investment Plan, designed to provide retirement benefits for our ministerium, has grown to a fund balance of \$249,035.91 as of June 30, 1989. Earnings year to date for the six months ending June 30 are 8.63%. Annualized, that equals 17.26% per annum. Our investment portfolio as of that date consisted of common stock, 36%; public bonds, 28%; short-term funds, 25%; and other investments, 11%.

Mr. Moderator, I move the receiving of this report.

A motion prevailed to receive this report.

BAPTISM-MEMBERSHIP

Results of the balloting to the amendment to the motion on the baptism-membership issue were reported. Yes, 293; No, 246; Abstain, 12.

Discussion resumed on the baptism-membership motion.

A motion prevailed to move the Previous Question.

A ballot vote was taken on the main motion as amended. The moderator led in prayer before the vote.

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes as printed for the morning session as corrected.

The report was given on the vote on the motion on the baptism-membership issue. Yes, 226; No, 307; Abstain, 12. Thus the motion failed and no changes in our bylaws with respect to membership have been made.

A motion prevailed to refer the matter of the Baptism-Church Membership issue to the Fellowship Council with the directive that they prepare for a forum of study and discussion and come back to the conference with creative alternatives as soon as feasible but not more than 3 years from now.

An amendment prevailed to have the Fellowship Council be sure that at least one representative from each district be in on this study.

The motion as amended prevailed.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

SIXTH SESSION

Wednesday evening - Aug. 2, 1989

The moderator John Davis called the meeting to order.

The moderator led in prayer.

A motion prevailed that the minutes be approved as read.

Charles Ashman gave a report of the Nominating Committee.

A motion prevailed to place the following names in nomination for the Nominating Committee. John Burke, Edwin Cashman, Richard Cron, Lee Dice, Wesley Haller, Forrest Jackson, Gerald Kelley, Roy Roberts, William Snell, Warren Tamkin, and Larry Wedertz.

A motion prevailed that the reports 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, on Wed. Aug. 2nd agenda be referred to the Fellowship Council.

CHAPLAIN ENDORSING AGENT

- (1) List of Active Duty Chaplains
- (2) List of Reserve Chaplains
- (3) List of Grace Brethren pastors involved in Chaplain-type ministries

1. This past year has been a year of transition for the office of the Endorsing Agent. It is the first year for the Endorsing Agent to be under the leadership of the Home Missions Council. It is also the first year for the Endorsing Agent. In looking back over the transition period, it has been a most productive period.

2. Whenever there is an adjustment in procedures or position, there can be a certain amount of resistance. It can be stated that there has been a very positive response from the Fellowship and an over-whelming response from the Chaplains. A good indication of this accep-

tance has been in the response to the Eagle Commission that was introduced at our last National Conference.

3. This past year the Endorsing Agent has visited all of the Chaplains on active duty with the exception of Chaplain Gary Patterson who is on a year of un-accompanied duty in Korea. Time does not allow to give an account of the excellent ministries observed and the positive response heard about them from their commanding officers and their peers.

4. During this past year one Reserve Navy Chaplain was granted active duty. There have been two other reserve Chaplains that have requested active duty. At the time of this report there has been no answer to these requests. Five of our active duty Chaplains have received commendations from their respective commands for outstanding work done in behalf of their command. Three of our Chaplains have been re-assigned to new duty stations. Seven of our fellowship pastors hold reserve commissions as Chaplains. Three of our reserve Chaplains are assigned to military reserve units. There has been a request for withdrawal of our endorsement from Chaplain Gary Patterson. The request was based on the fact that he has been endorsed by another fellowship, the National Baptist Convention of USA, INC. The request was granted following the procedure of the Home Mission Council for Withdrawal of Endorsement.

5. Grace Seminary has requested that the Endorsing Agent teach a course, *The Chaplain and His Ministry*, during the spring semester of the 1989-90 school year. The course is designed to give an overview of the Chaplaincy Ministry.

6. In addition to caring for the needs of the Military Chaplains, the office of the Endorsing

Agent also undertook a survey of our Brethren Pastors to ascertain how many were involved in Chaplain-type ministries in addition to their pastoral duties. The response was most positive. Sixteen pastors are ministering to Police and Sheriff Departments, Fire Departments, Hospitals, and civic organizations. A newsletter has been started to this group and included are prayer requests, personal needs and ministry opportunity.

C.L. Jenkins

CDR, CHC, USN (Ret)

GRACE BRETHREN MILITARY CHAPLAINS

ARMY

Chaplain (Capt) Charles Card, USA

Chaplain (Major) John B. Patrick, USA

Chaplain (Col) John Schumacher, USA

Chaplain (Capt) Ben Collins, USA

NAVY

Chaplain John L. Diaz, LCDR, CHC, USN

Chaplain James Dickson, CDR, CHC, USN

Chaplain Dayne Nix, LT, CHC, USN

Chaplain Jack Galle, LT, CHC, USN

AIR FORCE

Chaplain (LTCOL) James T. Elwell, USAF

RESERVE CHAPLAINS

US ARMY; Duane Jones, Paul Lindberg, Mark Penfold, Phil Spence, Jerry Young. **US**

NAVY; Darrel Taylor. **US AIR FORCE;** William Cochran.

PASTORS WITH CHAPLAIN DUTIES

Dan Eshleman, Robert Divine, Carmelo Arbona, Chris Hay, Kurt Miller, Davy L. Troxel, Roy L. Polman, Stephen Miller, Mick Rockafellow, Bob Markley, Emory R. Young, Christopher Ball, Stephen Blake, Lester Pifer.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1989

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
CASH BALANCES, JULY 1, 1988			
Checking — First National Bank	\$(1,907.78)	\$ 1,999.60	\$ 91.82
Savings — Grace Brethren Inv. Found.	8.76	-0-	8.76
Total	(1,899.02	1,999.60	100.58
CASH RECEIPTS:			
Credential Fees	41,517.45	40,249.55	81,767.00
Conference Expense Offering	3,461.65		3,461.65
Designated Offerings:			
Prison Fellowship		3,628.00	3,628.00
Joni and Friends		2,207.66	2,207.66
CE -- FGBC		1,093.20	1,093.20
Our Promise of Honor		2,058.17	2,058.17

Child Care	3,380.00		3,380.00
Displays and Tapes	980.55		980.55
Other	15.30		15.30
Total Cash Receipts	49,354.95	49,236.58	98,591.53
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:			
Facilities/Equip. Rental	10,999.02		10,999.02
Child Care	6,731.50		6,731.50
Printing and Promotion	8,930.68		8,930.68
Music	2,005.33		2,005.33
Speaker Travel/Honoraria	2,300.00		2,300.00
Committees and Officers	19,605.27		19,605.27
Pension Investment Plan	5,879.00		5,879.00
Retirement Annuity Fund		13,793.08	13,793.08
Secretarial Expense	404.88		404.88
Designated Offerings		8,982.03	8,982.03
Grace Brethren Annual	12,449.25		12,449.25
Other	317.99		317.99
Total Cash Expenditures	69,622.92	22,775.11	92,398.03
CASH BALANCES, JUNE 30, 1989			
Checking-First National Bank	(22,176.05)	28,461.07	6,285.02
Savings-Grace Brethren Inv. Found.	9.06		9.06
Total	<u>\$(22,166.99)</u>	<u>\$28,461.07</u>	<u>\$6,294.08</u>

FGBC STATISTICAL REPORT 1988

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH	1988	1987
Regular Services	1,613	1,841
Other	2,448	2,867
TOTALS	4,061	4,708
Total Baptisms	2,427	2,362

MEETINGS: AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Sunday Morning Services	41,973	40,753
Sunday School	30,151	30,212
Sunday Evening Services	16,610	17,111
Midweek Services	14,558	15,078
Communion Services	19,902	19,641

MEMBERSHIP

Total Last Year	40,566	41,198
Total Added This Year	3,049	2,738
Total Lost This Year	3,759	3,312
Net Gain or (Loss)	(710)**	(574)
Total Membership		
at End of This Year	39,856	40,624
Trine-Immersed Members	35,806*	31,186*

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Vacation Bible School	17,041	17,450
Women's Organizations	5,049	4,394
Men's Organizations	1,414	1,452
Coed Youth Ministries	3,982	3,652
Girls' Ministries	2,560	2,638
Boys' Ministries	1,932	2,273
Other	4,170	2,728

INCOME

Total Gift Receipts		
for the Year	36,044,626	34,134,867*
Total Non-Gift receipts		
for the year	4,993,484	6,905,733*
Grand Total of All Income	40,983,264	41,040,600

EXPENDITURES

Brethren Foreign Missions	2,607,947	2,403,452
Brethren Home Missions	854,699	854,718
Grace Schools	420,346	377,682
District Missions	222,727	230,192
GBC Christian Education	124,202	95,397
Board of Evangelism	24,683	25,725
Brethren Missionary Herald	28,918	26,939
All Other		
Grace Brethren Ministries	546,348	469,391
All Non-Brethren Ministries	1,100,618	1,119,494
TOTAL	5,791,571	5,688,657

All Pastoral Staff Salaries	11,374,727	8,188,122*
All Other Local Expenditures	20,855,144	15,833,254
TOTAL	32,281,433**	27,805,478**

Auxiliary Organizations	1,616,608	1,438,499
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GRAND TOTAL

OF ALL EXPENDITURES	39,400,824	34,912,634
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CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

Number of Churches		
Operating Schools	41	38
Total Enrollment	10,573	6,901

Total Income	14,005,202*	9,422,337*
Faculty-Administrative Expense	10,686,434*	8,685,769*
Other Expenses	3,829,714*	3,230,080*
TOTAL EXPENSES ..	14,583,466**	12,230,015**

Japan	2	4
Mexico	13	378
Philippines	2	24
Spain	1	
	721	152,904

Number of Churches Reporting

District	1988	1987
Allegheny	18	17
Arctic	7	6
Florida Suncoast	6	6
Florida East Central	6	6
South Florida	6	6
Hawaii	4	3
Indiana	22	22
Iowa Midlands	13	14
Michigan	7	7
Mid-Atlantic	12	11
Mountain-Plains	6	6
Nor-Cal	8	8
North Central Ohio	28	28
Northeastern Ohio	16	16
North-Atlantic	29	31
Northwest	13	13
Southern	8	8
Southern Cal & Arizona	34	37
Southern Ohio	22	22
Southwest	4	0
Virginia	15	15
Western Pennsylvania	20	20
TOTAL	304	302

Number of Churches Not Reporting

District	1988	1987
Allegheny	1	
Arctic		1
Hawaii		2
Mid Atlantic		4
Nor-Cal	2	2
North Central Ohio	3	3
Southern	2	
Southern Cal & Arizona	3	4
Southern Ohio		2
Southwest	2	4
Virginia	1	1
TOTAL	14	23
TOTAL CHURCHES ..	318	325

*Not all churches reported this item.

**Some churches reported only total.

***Some churches did large roll revisions.

FOREIGN FIELD STATISTICS 12-31-88

Country	Number of Churches	Membership
Argentina	16	500
Brazil	13	1,245
CAR	588	138,519
Chad	71	12,000
England	1	-0-
France	6	61
Germany	5	83

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Argentina	800
Brazil	1,100
CAR	160,000
Chad	16,750
England	20
France	175
Germany	238
Japan	14
Mexico	521
Philippines	105
Spain	
	194,534

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Brother Moderator

One mark of integrity of a responsible corporation is accurate financial accountability to its constituencies. The by-laws of our fellowship have mandated that the Fellowship Council examine reports of those Boards that are under the oversight of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

I am pleased to report to this Fellowship Council and Conference that the following organizations have submitted their financial statements for this examination.

GBC Christian Education (Audited Financial Statement)

Brethren Evangelistic Ministries (Reviewed Financial Statement)

I have examined the financial statements and reports for each of these organizations. The reports appear to be accurate and properly reflect the financial position of the organizations.

I recommend that these financial reports be accepted as presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald E. Eshelman

REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF PASTORLESS CHURCHES & AVAILABLE MEN

Our activity involved in bringing available Pastoral candidates into contact with Pastorless Churches continue to grow.

The present function of this office is to be a clearing house where resumes of available men are available by request to churches desiring

them. This year we have furnished over 238 resumes to churches seeking to call a pastor.

We are very grateful that of the 23 churches seeking our assistance last year, 8 found Pastor's from among the 28 candidates whose resumes we have made available. Currently we have resumes available for 21 Pastoral candidates and are involved in some way with 14 churches who are seeking a Pastor.

We have not been able to meet all the needs of Pastoral candidates or Pastorless Churches but we continue to be grateful for the opportunity to help. We need your help in three ways . . .

First, if you are a qualified Pastoral candidate, prepare a well-written and honest resume and send it to me in care of the Grace Community Church of Huber Heights, 5001 Fishburg Road, Huber Heights, OH 45424. If you can furnish another well known G.B.C. pastor as a knowledgeable reference it will greatly improve the validity of your resume. Although we do what we can to help, please remember that you speak for yourself through your resume.

Second, if you are involved with a church that is now or may in the future be looking for a Pastor, please contact me for the current list of available men and copies of their resumes.

Third, if you know of churches in your district with a Pastoral vacancy, please suggest that they make contact with my office. The list of men we provide will be a starting place for their search.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Howard Mayes

Charles Ashman gave a report of the Fellowship Council as to future conferences:

1990 Richmond, Va. July 28 - Aug. 3
1991 Columbus, Ohio July 27 - Aug. 2 —
(Tentative)
1992 Winona Lake, Ind. Aug. 1 - 6 —
(Tentative)

A motion prevailed that these dates and locations for conference be accepted.

A motion prevailed that we declare a three year National Conference moratorium on business meeting debate and discussion of our ordinances of communion and baptism in order that we might proceed in a positive and aggressive manner with the strategy agenda we have adopted at this conference.

A report of the election to the CE National Board of Directors was given: Denny Brown, Bud Olszewski, Mitch Picard.

A report of the results of the election of the Nominating Committee was given. John Burke, Edwin Cashman, Wesley Haller, Forrest Jackson, William Snell, and Larry Wedertz.

A report of the election to the Board of Directors of the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries was given. Laymen: Bill Kellerman and Don Kendall; Ministers: Dr. Keith Altig, George Christie, H. Don Rough.

A motion prevailed to express our appreciation at the wonderful way our Moderator has conducted these meetings.

A motion prevailed that these minutes be approved as read.

A motion prevailed to adjourn. (sine die)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1988

Assets:

General Fund—

Cash and Investments	\$ 484,687
Accounts Receivable	56,060
Advances and Prepaid	
Expenses	9,228
Equipment (less depreciation).....	39,364
Land and Buildings	347,105
Other	151,737
Total	<u>\$ 1,088,181</u>

Restricted Funds—

Cash and Investments	\$ 234,794
Notes Receivable	44,945
Other	2,908
Total	<u>282,647</u>

Annuity Funds—

Cash and Investments	\$ 295,659
Notes Receivable	58,814
Accrued Interest	93
Total	<u>\$ 354,566</u>

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS \$1,725,394

Liabilities and Fund

Balances:

General Fund—

Notes Payable	\$ 106,434
Missionary Outfit Funds	19,622
Other Liabilities	153,704
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 279,760</u>
Fund Balance	808,421
Total	<u>\$ 1,088,181</u>

Restricted Funds—	
Accounts Payable	\$ 25
Fund Balance — Relief	
Agency	21,039
Fund Balance — Field Projects	261,583
Total	<u>\$ 282,647</u>

Annuity Funds—	
Interest Payments Payable	\$ 2,225
Annuities in Force	270,880
Fund Balance	81,461
Total	<u>\$ 354,566</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,725,394</u>

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

For the calendar year ending December 31, 1988
GENERAL FUND

Income:

Gifts—	
Operation Lifeline	\$ 369,992
Field	43,410
Support and Relocation	2,872,291
Estates	9,693
Total	<u>\$3,295,386</u>
Interest and Miscellaneous	17,227
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$3,312,613</u>

Expenses:

Administrational—	
General Office	\$ 61,698
Office Rent	33,800
Legal and Audit	2,512

Office Personnel	207,646
Board and Office Travel	28,579
Candidate Expenses	4,873
Total	<u>\$ 339,108</u>

Promotional—	
Publications	\$ 26,884
Publicity	63,031
Conferences and Deputation	96,482
Office Personnel	59,316
Total	<u>\$ 245,713</u>

Missionary and Field—	
Residences	\$ 14,301
Missionary Personnel	1,654,917
Missionary Travel	134,683
Field Expenditures	791,702
Total	<u>\$2,595,603</u>

Other—	
Interest	\$ 24,181
Memberships and	
Contributions	9,858
Miscellaneous	15,356
Total	<u>\$ 49,395</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$3,229,819

Changes in Fund Balance:

Income over (Under) Expenses	\$ 82,794
Fund Transfers	40,587
Fund Balance — January 1	685,040

Fund Balance—

December 31	<u>\$ 808,421</u>
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The financial records of the GBFM for the year 1988 have been audited by Dahms and Yarian, Certified Public Accountants, Warsaw, Indiana. The complete audited report is available for inspection at the GBFM Office.

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Naples, FL—Grace Brethren Fellowship of Naples. Pastor, Daniel Thompson.

North Pole, AK—North Pole Grace Brethren Church.

North Port, FL—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Lester Pifer.

Ocala, FL—Ocala Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Charles Davis.

Philadelphia, PA—Liberty Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Steve Makofka.

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Willoughby, OH—Lake County Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Joe Cosentino.

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(Tully Butler)

Day Mesa Navajo Grace Brethren Church
(Johnson Chiquito)

Red Lake Community Grace Brethren Church (John Trujillo)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION December 31, 1988

ASSETS:

Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 75,328
Offerings and other receipts in Transit	237,833
Current portion of notes receivable	3,320
Other Current assets	33,394
Accounts receivable	16,594
Total Current Assets	\$ 366,469

Property and Equipment:

Land	36,000
Buildings	369,697
Mission Real Estate	398,412
Autos & Trucks	190,273
Photo Equipment	23,859
Other Equipment	175,391
	1,193,632
Less Accumulated Depr.	(343,660)
	\$ 849,972

Investments & Other Assets:

Notes Receivable	68,324
Contributed Property	2,700
Annuities Invested	528,928
Leasehold Interest, net	18,227
	\$ 618,179
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,834,620

LIABILITIES:

Current Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	\$ 345,000
Current portion of Long Term Debt	23,863
Accounts Payable	59,726
Accrued Annuity Installments	13,411
Payroll Withholdings	1,382
Total Current Liab.	\$ 443,382

Long Term debt,	
net of current portion	182,135
Annuities & Trusts	739,226
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,364,743
EQUITY	469,877
TOTAL LIAB. & EQUITY	\$1,834,620

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS:
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

Revenues:	
Offerings	\$1,219,527
Contributed assets	
Estates & Annuities	113,251
Rent	45,900
Interest	65,702
Other	1,065
	\$1,445,490
Operating Expenses:	
Direct Assistance	1,109,774
Administration	429,536

Promotion	139,659
Payments to Annuitants	74,313
	\$1,753,282
Excess (deficit) of revenues over	
operating expenses	\$ (307,792)

Other Income (expense):	
Assets received on dissolutions	84,401
Disposition of Assets	130,532
Interest	(32,091)
	\$ 182,842

Excess (deficit) of revenues	
over expenses	(124,950)
Equity, beginning of year	594,827
Equity, end of year	\$ 469,877

These reports and the supporting records are audited by the CPA firm Ashman, Targgart and Manion, PC. A copy of their report is available upon written request.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
CONDITION
May 31, 1989**

ASSETS:

Cash and Investments	\$8,502,163
Accrued Interest Receivable	232,091
Loans Receivable	11,210,772
Equipment (Net)	25,907
Other Assets	921
Total Assets	\$19,971,854

LIABILITIES AND FUND

BALANCE:

Savings Accounts	\$18,054,072
Accrued Interest Payable	199,083
Other Liabilities	49,005
Total Liabilities	\$18,302,160
Fund Balance	1,669,694
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$19,971,854

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For Year ended May 31, 1989**

OPERATING INCOME:

Interest on Loans	\$1,048,897
Interest on Investments	755,928
Other Operating Income	769

Total Operating Income **\$1,805,594**

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Interest on Savings Accounts	\$1,233,159
Salaries and Services	132,345
Contributions	60,500
Data Processing	14,557
Other Administrative Expenses ..	146,768

Total Operating Expenses **\$1,587,329**

Other Income and Expenses **1,549**

NET INCOME **\$219,814**

Copies of the audited statements, also containing the Auditor's opinion, are available at our offices at 1401 Kings Highway, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

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Condensed Financial Report

Balance Sheet — May 31, 1989

ASSETS:

Cash and equivalent	\$ 10,394
Due from other funds	15,460
Investments-other	35,050
Accounts receivable:	
Students	168,161
Estate	0
Other	42,440
Inventories	278,564
Prepaid expense	56,996
Deferred charges	55,949
Total Assets	<u>\$ 663,014</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:	
Accounts payable	\$ 89,611
Due to other funds	158,949
Accrued expenses	376,724
Deposits	240,838
Deferred credits	20,202
Fund Balance	(223,310)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
FUND BALANCE	663,014

Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures, and Transfers
For the Year Ended May 31, 1989

REVENUES:

Educational & General:

Tuition & fees	\$4,560,201
Gifts	1,014,546
Endowment income	20,071
Other	113,475
Total educational and general	<u>\$5,708,293</u>

Auxiliary Enterprises:

Housing	\$ 879,248
Food service	767,073
Other	397,897
Bible Conference	<u>47,384</u>

Total auxiliary enterprises	\$2,091,602
Other sources	\$ 131,456
TOTAL REVENUES ...	<u>\$7,931,351</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Education & general:

Instructional	\$2,386,912
Academic support	444,126
Student services	780,787
Institutional support	1,311,041
Operation of plant	612,700
Student aid	566,489
Transfers	<u>71,093</u>

**Total educational and
general**

\$6,173,148

Auxiliary enterprises:

Housing	\$ 666,675
Food service	604,069
Other	378,330
Bible Conference	<u>68,507</u>

Total auxiliary

enterprises \$1,717,581

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$7,890,729

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) .. \$40,622

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1988

ASSETS:

Current Assets

Cash and Cert. of Deposit ..	\$ 48,460.69
Accounts Receivable	\$124,932.58
Refundable Payroll Tax	1,349.15
Inventory-Merchandise	676,931.71
Deposit	878.09
Contract Receivables	-0-
Prepaid Expenses	21,160.61

Total Current Assets.....\$ 873,712.83

Investments

Non-Current Assets

Land	\$ 5,000.00
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Buildings	321,535.46
Furniture and Fixtures	189,585.46
Print Shop Equipment	265,954.34
Vehicles	21,686.49
Total	\$ 803,761.75
Less—accumulated depreciation	\$ 569,049.19
Net Property — Equip.	234,712.56
Other Assets	
Contract Receivables	-0-
Less Current Portion	-0-
Total Other Assets	-0-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,905,960.39

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 58,234.87
Employee Payroll Deductions	2,153.25
Notes Payable	233,200.00
Deposits	3,430.50
Accrued Interest	1,870.61
Sales Tax Payable	744.84
Total Current Liabilities .	\$ 299,634.07

Long-Term Liabilities

Notes Payable	-0-
Less Current	-0-
Total Long Term Liabilities	-0-

Other Liabilities

Gift Annuities	\$10,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 309,634.07
Fund Balance	1,596,326.32
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$1,905,960.39

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income

Merchandise Sales	\$1,298,563.13
Cooperating Boards	53,397.00
Rentals	3,810.00
Interest and miscellaneous .	36,790.61
Sale Fixed Assets & Securities	8,803.97
Finance Charges and Special Offerings	2,487.49
Total Business Income ...	\$1,403,852.20

Cost

Purchases	\$ 704,066.29
Salaries	291,694.96
Operating expenses	371,652.57

Free Literature	4,221.08
Rental Expenses	4,023.50
Administrative Expense . . .	19,444.19
Total Business Costs	\$1,395,102.59
Total Business Gain	8,749.61

Publication Offering	29,269.04
Expenses	16,991.95
Offering Net Gain	12,277.09
Total Net Income	\$21,026.70

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"Go . . . to all the world"

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2. Be a faithful prayer warrior.*
3. Active in Evangelism.*
4. Encourage increased interest in SMM or aid in the establishment of SMM in your local church.
5. Give regularly to WMC — time, talent, and money as the Lord leads and prospers.*
6. Support regular family devotions.*
Use of *Daily Devotions* is suggested.
*Refer to WMC Handbook.

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1. Observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month.*
2. Emphasize prayer for local youth who made decisions for full time Christian service. Pray for CE's Year of Youth Outreach (20/20 program).
3. Support district rallies and projects.
4. Contribute to Major Offerings:
(PLEASE send all money to the WMC Financial Secretary USING the proper offering slip from the Treasurer's sheet in the Program Packet. Make CHECKS PAYABLE TO—GRACE BRETHREN NATIONAL WMC.)

- a. September, October, November
HOME MISSIONS — Goal \$9,000
Send before December 10th
PROJECT: Navajo

Thank Offering

We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year per member.

Send before December 10th
PROJECT: SMM National Debt Reduction

- b. December, January, February
GRACE SCHOOLS —
Goal \$8,000
Send before March 10th
PROJECT: Teacher education computer lab
NATIONAL SMM OFFERING
(Sponsorship of Director of Girls' Ministries (SMM) — CE National)
Note — SMM is the heart of WMC.
We suggest a minimum of \$3.00 a year per member.
Send before March 10th

- c. March, April, May
FOREIGN MISSIONS —
Goal \$9,000
Send before June 10th
PROJECT: Japan, Spain — computers; Argentina, Chad & England— literature
MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR OFFERING may be given in the month of your birthday or at a special emphasis throughout the year toward the support of WMC
MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR honoring their years of service. We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year per member.
Send before June 10th

MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR FOR 1989 — 1990

Fran Fredericks - Germany
Nancy Green - Brazil
Faye Hocking - C.A.R.
Vivien Ruiz - Philippines
Brenda Welling - Mexico

- d. June, July, August
WMC OPERATING EXPENSES
Goal \$8,000
NOTE: Send before September 10th

5. Encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, IN 46590.
Amy Carmichael: Let the Little Children Come, Lois Hoadley Dick
God at the Controls, Jean Dye Johnson
Papa's Place, Margaret Jensen
6. **USE BRETHREN** talent when available and **SUPPORT BRETHREN WORKS, SUPPORT SMM***

7. Aid in expenses, if possible, of local president or representative to attend each district meeting and National WMC Conference.
8. **Elect officers in April or May** to assume their duties in September. The local Annual Reports compiled by the retiring local presidents must be in the hands of the district president by May 31. Seating of the delegates at National Conference is permissible only if annual report is returned. Reports will not be accepted at National Conference.
9. **Keep membership cards current.*** The membership chairman is responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council and see that a new member receives and signs a membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the National Literature Secretary.)
10. **Refer often to the WMC Handbook.** This can be obtained from the national literature secretary, Box 711, Winona Lake, IN 46590.
(See order blank enclosed in program packet.) We recommend one per council be purchased.

DISTRICT GOALS

1. Honor those reading the entire Bible or tapes of the entire Bible within a year.
2. Recognize the SMM at a District WMC Program.
3. Use **BRETHREN talent when available and SUPPORT Brethren works.**
4. Send District Newspaper to National President, National Editor, and District Editors.
5. Sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the National First Vice President, to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district, but the National First Vice President should be advised for completion of her report. Send before March 10.
6. Send all district offerings for National Brethren works to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
7. Contribute an annual freewill offering, to be used as the committee in charge sees the need, toward furnishing and

repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Residence at Winona Lake, Indiana. Send to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

8. Pay the District President's expenses to National Conference.
9. Give financial assistance, so that the District SMM Leader may attend National Conference.
10. Contribute annually to the National WMC Operation Expenses. Send to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer, by September 10.
11. Contribute annually towards the cost of meals for Missionary Candidate School. Send to the national WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer by November 10. We suggest a minimum of \$25.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1988-89

Balance on Hand — July 1, 1988 .. \$13,334.52
RECEIPTS:

Operation and Publication	\$20,777.89
Home Missions	7,990.14
Grace Schools	7,690.07
Foreign Missions.....	8,322.23
Thank Offering	4,764.57
Missionary Birthday	7,079.05
Missionary Residence	4,738.48
Home Missions Specials	4,500.67
Foreign Missions Specials	12,025.48
SMM—Christian Education Department	7,177.71
Christian Education Department Specials	711.63
Grace Schools Specials	1,827.26
Prepaid Income and Expense ..	2,085.80
50th Anniversary	874.60
Candidate School	673.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$91,238.83

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operation and Publication	\$21,641.42
Home Missions	7,990.14
Grace Schools	7,690.07
Foreign Missions.....	8,322.23
Thank Offering	4,764.57
Missionary Birthday	7,000.00
Missionary Residence	7,479.06
Home Missions Specials	4,500.67
Foreign Missions Specials	12,025.48
SMM—Christian Education Department	7,177.71
Christian Education Department Specials	711.63
Grace Schools Specials	1,827.26
Prepaid Income and Expense ..	--0--

50th Anniversary	405.00
Candidate School	444.61
TOTAL	
DISBURSEMENTS	\$91,979.85
Balance on Hand —	
June 30, 1988	\$12,593.50
RECAPITULATION OF CASH ACCOUNT	
Balance on Hand — June 30, 1989	\$12,593.50
Operation & Publication	\$1,762.85

Missionary Birthday Account ..	6,507.91
Missionary Residence Account .	794.46
Prepaid Income & Expense	
Account	1,852.00
50th Anniversary Account	1,447.64
Candidate School	228.64
TOTAL	\$12,593.50
Total Investment & Interest in the	
GBIF not included in the above:	\$6,758.63

SMM

Motto—*"Serving My Master"*

Colors

The SMM colors are white and green. *White* reminds us to worship God and symbolizes the purity of Jesus. *Green* reminds us to serve God and to grow in Him.

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1989-90 SMM OFFERINGS AND GOALS

OFFERINGS

*(Make checks payable to:
CE National)*

1. Foreign Missions (due December 10, 1989). Goal — \$1,300 \$500 scholarship to Grace College for Treleen Craigen; 1 overhead projector, \$300 - Japan; book table stands with covers, \$150 - Germany; calculator, \$50 - Portugal.
2. CE National (Due March 10, 1990). Goal—\$2,000. \$1,000 conference room chairs; \$1,000 CE National outdoors signs.
3. Home Interest. (Due June 10, 1990). Home Missions. Goal - \$1,300. VHS VCR, \$250 - Hartford, Conn.; 16 mm film projector, \$800 - London, Ohio; Outreach literature - \$100 - Makakilo, Hawaii; Tape recorder, \$150 - Macedonia, Ohio.
4. Operation SMM (Due September 10, 1990). Goal — \$2,000.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

Little Sisters

1. Each member carries her Bible to church and to SMM.

2. Each member invites one friend to attend an SMM meeting.
3. Each member demonstrates one way to honor her parents.
4. Each member prays weekly for a missionary.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

Amigas

1. Each member has a consistent Bible reading program.
2. Each member learns one evangelistic tool.
3. Each member participates in a scripture memory and review program.
4. Each member prays weekly for foreign and home missions, CE and Grace Schools.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

Lumiere

1. Each member has a consistent quiet time.
2. Each member shares the gospel with a non-believer.
3. Each member learns to share her personal testimony.
4. Each member can define TIME and Operation Barnabas.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

Charis

1. Each member has a consistent quiet time and weekly application.
2. Each member learns follow-up training of a new believer.
3. Each member participates in an outreach ministry.
4. Each member is a prayer partner with a TIME worker.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. Each district choose a district project yearly.
2. The district should help to send the district leader to any national workshop dealing with girls' ministries or SMM.
3. The district leader should contact newly organized churches or churches without SMMs and help to organize their groups or give ideas and suggestions.
4. The district secretary should send a letter to the Director of SMM reporting interesting activities within the district program.
5. The district leader should send an updated list of women working as leaders in SMM to GBC Christian Education at the beginning of the fall.

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN MINISTERS

Pres. — Wendell E. Kent

V. Pres. — Bernard Simmons

Recording Secretary — Ronald Guiles

Asst. Recording Secretary — Lee H. Dice

Executive Secretary — Ralph J. Colburn

MONDAY, July 31, 1989

The meeting opened with a song led by Don Ogden, and prayer led by President Dave Plaster. Vice-president Wendell Kent read all the missionaries, missionary candidates, and chaplains present introduce themselves. Introduction forms were circulated for the presentation of new men and visitors tomorrow.

Randy Poyner introduced "Covenant Ministries" and distributed a handout of this ministry with which he is now identified.

Dave Griffith presented a devotional solo.

Dave Plaster addressed the ministerium from Hebrews 10:32-34 entitling his message: "Fifty Years — Now What?" Bold endurance must be continued in (1) doctrinal integrity, (2) caring for each other, and (3) in being a team in fulfilling the great commission. He closed with a prayer that God would raise up from among us leadership with commitment to carry on what God has given us to do.

The business session began with Executive Secretary Ralph Colburn presenting the membership report. Corrections may be submitted in writing, and unpaid dues are welcome. A motion prevailed that all men listed whose dues are paid by the end of these sessions be considered members in good standing.

The financial report was also presented, showing a balance of \$58,833 in all funds, a net loss of \$5267 from last year; due to unusually heavy expenditures in death gratuities, and our third and final contribution to the "Promise of Honor" fund. After a brief explanation of some items, a motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

Dave Plaster presented a recommendation from the executive committee that the present dues of \$50 per year be continued for one year, to allow our reserve funds to be built up. A motion prevailed to adopt the recommendation.

Memorials were presented for two of our six members who were "promoted to glory" during the past year: Gerald Polman spoke in behalf of Lon Karns; and Dave Marksbury spoke in behalf of Harry Sturz. Plaster led in a prayer of thanksgiving for the influence of these godly men.

The survey results collected by President Plaster were distributed at the close of the session. 389 ministers in our fellowship responded to the survey, describing from their perspective the position on trine immersion and church membership as held by their local church, their district, and by them personally.

A motion to adjourn prevailed at 12:34.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1989

The meeting opened with songs of praise led by Don Ogden. Wendell Kent introduced the new men and visitors present, then announced that Johnson Chiquito, a Navajo pastor, was in a local hospital with a severe gall bladder attack, and surgery was anticipated. Special prayer was offered for him.

Our president introduced Dr. Haddon W. Robinson, author, homiletics professor, and president of Denver Theological Seminary, our guest speaker for today. His subject: "Current Trends in Evangelical Preaching." He reminded us that America is moving away from a "print-oriented society" and in-

stead, we are acquiring our values and information from images (TV, film, etc.) Therefore homiletics literature today encourages pastors to use the dynamics of narrative, story telling. Our past emphasis on sermons loaded with cognitive emphasis goes contrary to the patters of communication with which our society is being trained by the media.

A second method encouraged is inductive preaching, which engages the congregation in arriving at a conclusion during the process of the message; contrasted with deductive preaching which is declaratory from the beginning.

A third shift deals with the place of the introduction. People are now expecting to be motivated toward listening by an introduction that identifies "perceived needs" that will be met by the sermon.

After his message, Dr. Robinson answered questions from the floor.

Special announcements were made by: Lee Dice, announcing that the Wooster GBC will host an Evangelism Explosion clinic in October. Ed Lewis, informing men of the "Year of Youth Outreach" to be initiated at National Youth Conference next week. The teens will be taught to verbalize their faith throughout the year in their local churches, and pastors need to encourage them in their commitments. Tom Julien clarifying the position of the European churches on the baptism-church membership issue. The full statement he read is available from him or from our executive secretary.

The business session was convened at 12:10, and a motion prevailed to receive the minutes as printed in the Conference "Epistle."

John Burke presented the report of the nominating committee and ballots were distributed. No additional nominations were received, and the election proceeded, with the results listed at the top of this report.

Memorials were presented for: Irvin Miller, by Pastor Bob Combs; Arthur Collins, by Pastor Michael Brubaker; Louis Engle, by Pastor Ralph Burns; Wayne Baker, by Pastor Clyde Landrum. Galen Lingenfelter led in a prayer of thanks for these godly men, and a prayer of comfort for their families. A motion to adjourn prevailed at 12:32.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1989

This meeting was combined with the Brethren laymen, and convened quite late (11:50) due to an extended business session. After singing together, a musical mini-concert was presented by Mike and Terica Williams.

The "Pastor of the Year" award was presented by Ralph Colburn, and the surprised recipient was Charles Ashman, just retired (?) after over 40 years of pastoral ministry in three churches, Rittman, Phoenix, and Winona Lake; 27 of these years in the latter. In addition to his outstanding pastoral ministry, he has served the fellowship in many ways, including that of Conference Coordinator for the past twelve years.

A standing ovation was given by the men, and his wife, Frances, was brought to the platform also. The award is noted by a beautiful plaque, and accompanied by a \$500 check.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were approved as printed in the conference "Epistle", and those of today's meeting were approved as they would be edited by the executive secretary.

The new officers were introduced and installed by the retiring president, David Plaster, and an expression of thanks was given to him for his leadership this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Simmons, recording secretary

Ralph Colburn, executive secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance, Farmers and

Merchants Bank, 7/7/88 . . \$ 3,659.38

Receipts:

National dues \$34,430.00

District dues 70.00

Alamo Rebates 535.79

35,035.79

TOTAL \$38,695.17

Disbursements:

Salary 2,100.00

"Epistle" 1,410.02

Telephone & Postage 167.87

Nat'l Ministerium expenses . . 1,884.08

District dues refund 70.00

National dues refund 825.00

NAC Scholarships 1,700.00

B.I.F. Deposits 2,000.00

Chase Manhattan dep. 11,000.00

GBC Retirement fund 10,000.00

Annual space 298.45

\$31,455.42

TOTAL \$7,239.75

Balance, B. I. F., 7/7/88 48,414.36

Interest to 7/1/89 3,202.93

Deposits from F & M Bank . . . 2,000.00

\$53,617.29

Withdrawal: to Chase

Manhattan Bank 6,000.00

47,617.29

Balance, Chase Manhattan

Bank, 7/7/88 \$12,026.90

Interest to 7/1/89 749.16

Deposits from F & M, and

B.I.F. 17,000.00

Total 29,776.06

Death gratuities payments . . . 24,800.00

Total, 7/15/89 4,976.06

Total Funds Available, 7/15/89 . . 58,833.10

(net loss of \$5,267.54 for the year)

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph J. Colburn, Executive Secretary

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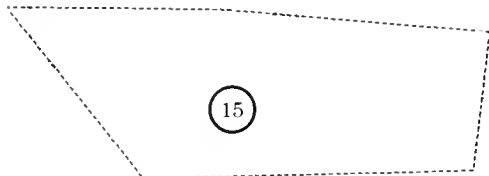
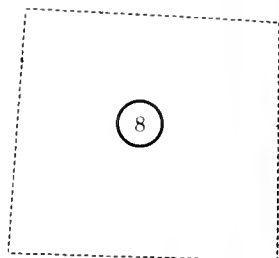
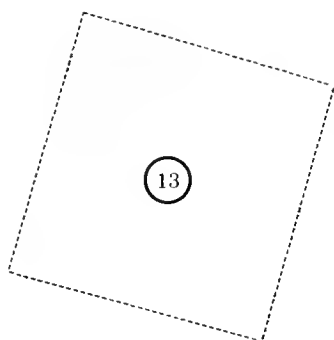
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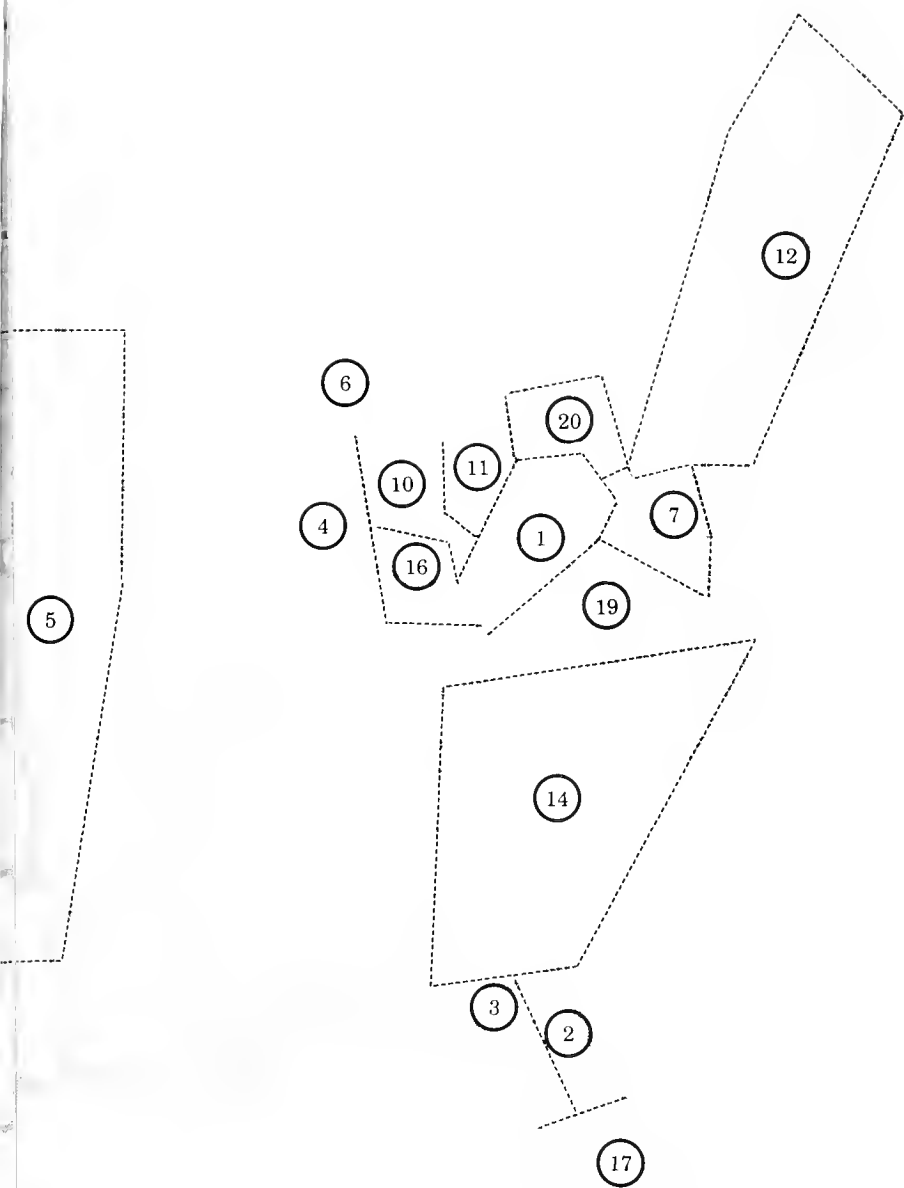


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Next conference: Uniontown Grace Brethren
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Brethren
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Uniontown, PA—Uniontown Grace Brethren
Washington, PA—Washington Grace Brethren
Westernport, MD—Mill Run Grace Brethren
Windber, PA—Shade Grace Brethren
Vienna, WV—Community Grace Brethren

ARCTIC

Arctic Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Solid Rock Bible Camp,
April 30 - May 1

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Kenai, AK—Kenai Grace Brethren
North Pole, AK—North Pole Grace Brethren
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EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA

East Central Florida District of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Ormond Beach Grace
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Orlando, FL—Orlando Grace Brethren Church
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Brethren Church

FLORIDA SUNCOAST

(Florida Suncoast District of Grace Brethren Churches)

Next conference: Lakeland Grace Brethren
Church, February 24, 1990

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Hawaii District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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April 22

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Indiana District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Winona Lake Grace
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Iowa-Midlands Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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 Fort Worth, TX—Grace Fellowship Church
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Michigan District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: New Troy, April 6, 7, 1990

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Lansing, MI—Lansing Grace Brethren Church

New Troy, MI—New Troy Grace Brethren Church

Ozark, MI—Ozark Grace Brethren Church

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Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Hagerstown Grace Brethren Church, April 27, 28, 1990

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Church
Hagerstown, MD—Grace Brethren Church
Hagerstown, MD—Maranatha Grace Brethren
Church
Hagerstown, MD—Valley Grace Brethren
Church
Lanham, MD—Lanham Grace Brethren
Church
Martinsburg, WV—Rosemont Grace Brethren
Church
Temple Hills, MD—Grace Brethren Church of
Greater Washington
Waynesboro, PA—Grace Brethren Church
Winchester, VA—Blue Ridge Grace Brethren
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Winchester, VA—Grace Brethren Church

MOUNTAIN—PLAINS

Mountain-Plains District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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June 8 - 10, 1990

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NOR—CAL

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Community Church

San Jose, CA—South Bay Community Church
Tracy, CA—Tracy Grace Brethren Church

NORTHCENTRAL OHIO

Northcentral Ohio Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: East Side Grace Brethren
Church, Blacklick, Ohio, March 31, 1990

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Church

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Church

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Brethren Church

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Findlay, OH—Findlay Grace Brethren Church

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Fremont, OH—Grace Brethren Church

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Church

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NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Northeastern Ohio District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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 Homerville, OH—Grace Brethren Church
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 Minerva, OH—Grace Brethren Church
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 Willoughby, OH—Lake County Grace Brethren Church
 Wooster, OH—Grace Brethren Church

NORTHERN ATLANTIC

Northern Atlantic District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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CAMP

Name of Camp—Camp Conquest
Name of Campground—Grace Brethren
Retreat Center
Location of Campground—R. 2, Forrest Road,
Denver, PA 17517
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Church
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Elizabethtown, PA—Grace Brethren Church
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Gettysburg, PA—Grace Brethren Church
Harrisburg, PA—Melrose Gardens Grace
Brethren Church
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Brethren Church
Hatboro, PA—Suburban Grace Brethren
Church

Hope, NJ—Hope Grace Brethren Church
Irasburg, VT—Irasburg Grace Brethren
Church
Island Pond, VT—Island Pond Grace Brethren
Church
Lancaster, PA—Greater Lancaster Grace
Brethren Church
Lancaster, PA—Southern Lancaster Grace
Brethren Church
Lititz, PA—Lititz Grace Brethren Church
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Church
Myerstown, PA—Myerstown Grace Brethren
Church
New Holland, PA—New Holland Grace
Brethren Church
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Palmer, ME—New Beginning Grace Brethren
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Grace Brethren Church
Telford, PA—Penn Valley Grace Brethren
Church
Wrightsville, PA—Susquehanna Grace
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NORTHWEST

Northwest Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Clear Lake Grace Brethren
Camp, Naches, WA, May 25-26, 1990

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church

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Camp
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Naches, WA 98937

Phone Number—(509) 848-2746 office
(509) 848-2725 camp

YOUTH

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Charles Winter

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Albany, OR—Grace Brethren
Beaverton, OR—Grace Brethren
Troutdale, OR—Grace Brethren
Goldendale, WA—Community GBC of
Goldendale
Grandview, WA—Grace Brethren
Harrah, WA—Grace Brethren
Kent, WA—Grace Brethren
Mabton, WA—Grace Brethren
Prosser, WA—Community GBC of Prosser
Spokane, WA—Spokane Valley GBC
Sunnyside, WA—Grace Brethren
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Yakima, WA—Grace Brethren

SOUTHERN

Southern District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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One member from each church in the district

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Anderson, SC—Anderson Grace Brethren
Church
Charlotte, NC—Charlotte Grace Brethren
Church
Columbia, SC—Columbia Grace Brethren
Church
Atlanta, GA—DeKalb Community Grace
Brethren Church
Atlanta, GA—Marietta Grace Brethren
Church
Johnson City, TN—Johnson City Grace
Brethren Church
Telford, TN—Telford Grace Brethren Church

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — ARIZONA

Southern California-Arizona District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: April 29, 1990 Grace
Brethren Church of Long Beach

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chm.—Ed Cashman (91)
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Beaumont, CA—Cherry Valley Brethren
Church
Bell, CA—Bell Brethren Church
Bellflower, CA—Bellflower Brethren Church
Covina, CA—New Life Grace Brethren Church
Cypress, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Glendora, CA—Cornerstone Bible Church
La Mirada, CA—Creek Park Community
Church
La Verne, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Lakewood, CA—Iglesia Cristiana de la
Comunidad
Long Beach, CA—Community Grace Brethren
Church
Long Beach, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Long Beach, CA—Grace Cambodian Church
Long Beach, CA—Iglesia Evangelica de los
Hermanos
Long Beach, CA—Koinonia Grace Brethren
Church
Long Beach, CA—Los Altos Brethren Church
Los Alamitos, CA—Grace Church
Los Angeles, CA—Community Brethren
Church
Moreno Valley, CA—New Hope Community
Church
Norwalk, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Orange, CA—Grace Church
Paramount, CA—Iglesia de los Hermanos
Phoenix, AZ—Grace Brethren Church
Redlands, CA—Orange Grove Community
Church
Rialto, CA—Grace Community Church
Riverside, CA—Grace Brethren Church
San Bernardino, CA—Grace Brethren Church
San Diego, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Santa Ana, CA—Maranatha Brethren Church
Santa Maria, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Santa Paula, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Seal Beach, CA—Grace Community Church
Simi Valley, CA—Grace Brethren Church
South Pasadena, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Temple City, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Tucson, AZ—Silverbell Grace Brethren Church
Westminster, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Whittier, CA—Community Grace Brethren
Church
Whittier, CA—Grace Brethren Church
Yucca Valley, CA—Grace Community Church

SOUTH FLORIDA

South Florida District of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Business Session - Ft. Myers,
April 21 / District Celebration - Ft. Lauderdale,
May 20

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod.—Stephan Edmonds
V. Mod.—Chuck Hambling
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Bustaan

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from the host church.

MINISTERIUM

Chm.—Stephan Edmonds
Secy.—Treas.—Dan Thompson

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Chm.—Jay M. Fretz
Secy.—Treas.—Marvin Good

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chm.—Jay Fretz

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Church, 701 So. Parrott Ave., Okeechobee,
FL 34974
SMM Patroness—Beth Fretz

CAMP

Dir.—Randall Smith
Name of Camp—Camp Grace
Location—Okeechobee, FL
Phone Number—813-763-8946

YOUTH

Pres.—Jay Fretz

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Bassinger, FL—Christian Brethren
Fort Lauderdale, FL—Grace Brethren Church
Fort Myers, FL—Grace Brethren Bible Church
Naples, FL—Community Grace Brethren
Fellowship
Okeechobee, FL—Grace Brethren, Inc.
Pompano Beach, FL—Grace Brethren of
Pompano
Sebring, FL—Sebring Grace Brethren Church
San Juan, Puerto Rico—Iglesia Hermanos Por
Gracia

SOUTHERN OHIO

Southern Ohio District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: First Grace Brethren
Church, Dayton, OH, April 27, 28

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Church, 2624 Stonequarry Rd., Dayton, OH
45414
Stat.—G. Forrest Jackson
Members-at-Large—Ned Denlinger, Tad
Hobert

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Roy Glass, Forrest Jackson, Ray Johnson

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Ward

AUDITORS

Chm.—Thomas Shroyer, Patricia Logan

CREDENTIALS

Chm.—Steve Peters, Brian White, Greg
Ryerson

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Grabill

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Mallon

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Camden, OH—Camden Grace Brethren Church

Centerville, OH—Centerville Grace Brethren Church

Cincinnati, OH—Grace Brethren Church of Greater Cincinnati

Clayhole, KY—Clayhole Grace Brethren Church

Clayton, OH—Clayton Grace Brethren Church

Covington, OH—Friendship Grace Brethren Church

Dayton, OH—Basore Road Grace Brethren Church

Dayton, OH—Calvary Grace Brethren Church

Dayton, OH—First Grace Brethren Church

Dayton, OH—North Riverdale Grace Brethren Church

Dryhill, KY—Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Church

Englewood, OH—Englewood Grace Brethren Church

Huber Heights, OH—Grace Community Church of Huber Heights

Kettering, OH—Calvary Brethren Church

Lexington, KY—Grace Brethren Church

Sinking Spring, OH—Grace Brethren Church

Trotwood, OH—Grace Brethren Church

Troy, OH—Grace Brethren Church

Union, OH—Community Grace Brethren Church

Vandalia, OH—Vandalia Grace Brethren Church

West Alexandria, OH—Grace Brethren Community Church

SOUTHWEST

Southwest District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: First Brethren Church of
Taos, April 20, 21, 1990

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Counselor, NM—Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries
Rio Rancho, NM—La Mesa Grace Brethren Church
Taos, NM—First Brethren Church
Tonalea, AZ—Red Lake Navajo Grace Brethren Church

VIRGINIA

Virginia Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Radford, VA, Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church, May 4 & 5, 1990

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GRACE BRETHERN MEN

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SMM

Patroness—Bonnie Rockafellow
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CAMP

Chm. ('91)—Sonny Martin
Secy.—Don Fields
Trustee Treas.—Lester Kennedy
Caretaker—Mr. & Mrs. Webb
Name of Camp—Camp Tuk-A-Way
Name of Campground—Bolling Conference Grounds
Location of Campground—Star Rt., Box 630, Catawba, VA 24070
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Wright ('92)

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Secy.—Margie Devan

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Boones Mill, VA—Boones Mill Grace Brethren
Church
Buena Vista, VA—First Brethren Church
Covington, VA—Grace Brethren Church
Lynchburg, VA—Grace Brethren Church

Radford, VA—Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church
Richmond, VA—Grace Brethren Church
Riner, VA—Grace Brethren Church
Roanoke, VA—Clearbrook Grace Brethren
Church
Roanoke, VA—Garden City Grace Brethren
Church
Roanoke, VA—Ghent Grace Brethren Church
Roanoke, VA—Patterson Memorial Grace
Brethren Church
Roanoke, VA—Washington Heights Grace
Brethren Church
Salem, VA—Wildwood Grace Brethren Church
Troutville, VA—Grace Bible Church
Virginia Beach, VA—Grace Brethren Church
Willis, VA—Grace Brethren Church

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Pennsylvania District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Pike Grace Brethren
Church, April 21, 1990

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COOPERATING CHURCHES

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Avis, PA—Tiadaghton Valley Grace Brethren
Church
Conemaugh, PA—Conemaugh Grace Brethren
Church
Duncansville, PA—Leamersville Grace
Brethren Church

Everett, PA—Community Grace Brethren
Church
Everett, PA—Everett Grace Brethren Church
Greensburg, PA—Greensburg Grace Brethren
Church
Hollidaysburg, PA—Vicksburg Grace Brethren
Church
Hopewell, PA—Hopewell Grace Brethren
Church
Johnstown, PA—Geistown Grace Brethren
Church
Johnstown, PA—Johnstown Grace Brethren
Church
Johnstown, PA—Pike Grace Brethren Church
Johnstown, PA—Riverside Grace Brethren
Church
Johnstown, PA—Singer Hill Grace Brethren
Church
Kittanning, PA—Grace Brethren Church of
West Kittanning
Kittanning, PA—North Buffalo Grace Brethren
Church
Martinsburg, PA—Martinsburg Grace
Brethren Church
Milroy, PA—Milroy Grace Brethren Church

Directory of Grace Brethren Churches

Listing 324 churches in 33 states

Listed by States; giving city, pastor's name, church name, membership as of January 1, 1989, address, and telephone number; and name, address and telephone number of recording secretary or clerk.

ALASKA

ANCHORAGE (Larry Smithwick)
Anchorage Grace Brethren Church (243)
Huffman and Pintail, 12407 Pintail St.,
99516 (Tel. 907/345-3741)
Mrs. Berne Dalman, 4521 Snowcap
Circle, 99516

ANCHORAGE (E. John Gillis)
Greatland Grace Brethren Church (17)
Meeting temporarily at 1709 S. Bragaw
(Mailing address: 17645 Toakoana,
Eagle River, 99577)
(Tel. 907/694-5331)
Mary Herndon, 16240 Baugh Cir.,
99516 (Tel. 907/345-0462)

EAGLE RIVER (Chris Hay)
Grace Brethren Church (83)
P.O. Box 770430, 99577 (Mile 1.8 — S.
Birchwood Loop)
(Tel. 907/688-4010)
Mrs. Karen Altland, 18724 Mills
Bay Dr., (Tel. 907/696-1455)

HOMER (Frank Gardner)
Kachemak Bay Grace Brethren Church
(36) P.O. Box 2749, 99603
(Tel. 907/235-8213)
Liz Hejl, P.O. Box 2089, 99603
(Tel. 907/235-6788)

KENAI (Glen Welborn, Interim)
Kenai Grace Brethren Church (57)
406 McCullom Dr., 99611
(Tel. 907/283-4379)
Mrs. Rhea Stables (church address)

NORTH POLE

North Pole Grace Brethren Church (24)
(Mailing address: P.O. Box 56982,
99705-1982); 220 Parkway,
(Tel. 907/488-1789)
Jan Davis, P.O. Box 55785
(Tel. 907/488-4432)

SOLDOTNA (Daniel E. Thornton)
Peninsula Grace Brethren Church (122)
34640 Kalifornsky Beach Rd., 99669
(Tel. 907/262-6442)
Debi Stone, Box 2752, Kenai, 99611
(Tel. 907/776-5316)

ARIZONA

PHOENIX (Mark E. Malles)
Grace Brethren Church (113)
2940 W. Bethany Home Rd., (just west
of Interstate 17), 85017
(Tel. 602/242-1885)
Mrs. Sandra Hurt, 4220 W. Keim Dr.,
85019 (Tel. 602/841-6476)

TONALEA (John Trujillo)
Red Lake Community Grace Brethren
Church
Box 108, Tonalea, 86044

TUCSON (Kenneth A. Curtis)
Silverbell Grace Brethren Church (25)
1477 N. Silverbell Rd., 85745
(Tel. 602/792-1114)
Michelle Curtis, 1901 Campana de
Plata, 85745 (Tel. 602/792-1114)

CALIFORNIA

ALTA LOMA (John Bukowski, Interim)
Grace Brethren Church of Alta Loma
(90) 5719 Beryl St., 91701
(Tel. 714/980-0727)

AUBURN (Paul G. Hoffman)
Auburn Grace Brethren Church (136)
P.O. Box 6446, 95604-6446
(Tel. 916/823-8330)
Mrs. Diane Benedict, 10650 Atwood Rd.,
(Tel. 916/885-8788)

BEAUMONT (Robert D. Whited)
Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church
(59) 10257 Beaumont, (Mailing
address: P.O. Box 655, 92223)
(Tel. 714/845-1821 or 714/845-7229)
Mrs. Robert Wines, 11076 Sandra Dr.,
Cherry Valley, 92223

BELL (Don Folden)
Bell Brethren Church (15) 6830 Wilcox
Ave., 90201 (Tel. 213/560-1377)
Mary Hardy, 6520 Marlow
(Tel. 213/773-1088)

BELLFLOWER (Edwin E. Cashman)
 Bellflower Brethren Church (688)
 9405 E. Flower St., 90706
 (Tel. 213/925-6561)
 Larry Goemaat, 5929 Lakewood, 90712
 (Tel. 213/866-4698)

CHICO (Louie Ricci)
 Grace Brethren Church of Chico (46)
 1505 Arbutus Ave., 95926
 (Tel. 916/342-8642)
 Dorothy Yeater, 819 Nancy Ln.
 (Tel. 916/342-6749)

COVINA (Donald L. May)
 Grace Brethren Church (20)
 1067 E. Badillo St., (P.O. Box 4964,
 91724 (Tel. 818/915-8708)
 Mrs. Helen Thompson, 370 Reed St.,
 Covina, 91723 (Tel. 818/331-8671)

CYPRESS (Charles Covington)
 Grace Brethren Church of Cypress (26)
 9512 Juanita, 90630 (Tel. 714/826-6750)
 Mrs. Gloria Zuelch, 3063 Ladoga, Long
 Beach, 90808 (Tel. 213/420-9357)

GLENDORA (Donald Shoff)
 Cornerstone Bible Church (200)
 400 N. Glendora Ave., 91740
 (Tel. 818/914-2881)
 Diane Teague, 526 N. Sunset, Azusa,
 91702 (Tel. 818/334-0556)

LAKEWOOD (Juan L. Arregin)
 Iglesia Cristiana de la Comunidad (52)
 11859 E. 209th St., 90715
 (Tel. 213/865-9522)
 Rosa Iquierto, church address
 (Tel. 213/699-0189 or 714/840-8777)

LA MIRADA (Jim Behrens)
 Creek Park Community Church (161)
 12200 Oxford Dr., 90638
 (Tel. 213/947-5672)
 Brenda Bashor, 11817 La Serna,
 Whittier, 90604
 (Tel. 213/947-0064)

LA VERNE (Roy Halberg)
 Grace Brethren Church (176)
 2600 White Ave., 91750
 (Tel. 714/593-1204)
 Kathy Kesler, 2204 Pattiglen,
 (Tel. 714/599-2882)

LONG BEACH (Thomas Hughes)
 Community Grace Brethren Church (52)
 5885 Downey Ave., 90805
 (Tel. 213/634-1056)
 Sandy Brannon, 5106 Obispo Ave.,
 Lakewood, 90712
 (Tel. 213/633-8381)

LONG BEACH (Jay Bell, Interim)
 Grace Brethren Church (1,898)
 3590 Elm Ave, 90807
 (Tel. 213/595-6881)
 Lissa Cannon, church address

GRACE CAMBODIAN CHURCH
 (Vek Huong Taing)
 3590 Elm St., Long Beach, CA 90807
 (Tel. 213/423-6312)

IGLESIA EVANGELICA de los HERMANOS
 (Alfonso Ramirez)
 16342 Bradbury Huntington Beach, CA
 92647 (Tel. 714/840-8777)

KOINONIA GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH
 (Greg Perry)
 291 Nieto Ave., (Belmont Hgts. section)
 Long Beach, CA 90803
 (Tel. 213/439-7174)

LONG BEACH (John K. Nagle)
 Los Altos Grace Brethren Church (164)
 6565 Stearns St., 90815
 (Tel. 213/596-3358)

LOS ALAMITOS (Mick Ukleja)
 Grace Church (800) 3021 Blume Dr.,
 90720
 Janice Eisenberger, 6209 Elsa St.,
 Lakewood, 90713
 (Tel. 213/421-1606)

LOS ANGELES (Frank J. Coburn)
 Community Brethren Church (51) 5839
 Whittier Blvd., 90022
 (Tel. 213/721-5972)
 Mrs. Dorothy Becker, 525 S. Russell
 Ave., Monterey Park, 91754
 (Tel. 818/573-1570)

MODESTO (Joel Richards)
 La Loma Grace Brethren Church (140)
 1315 La Loma Ave., 95354
 (Tel. 209/523-3738)
 Judy Williams, 1244 Grinnell St., 95350
 (Tel. 209/524-1613)

MORENO VALLEY (Chris Suitt and Mikal
 Smith, Co-pastors)
 New Hope Community Church
 Meets at Sunnymead Elementary
 School (Mailing Address: P.O. Box
 7758, 92303)
 (Tel. 714/924-4629)

NORWALK (Nickolas Kurtaneck)
 Grace Brethren Church
 11005 Foster Rd., 90650
 (Tel. 213/863-7322)
 Mrs. A. Adams, 14503 Crossdale Ave.
 (Tel. 213/868-6628)

ORANGE (Ed Trenner)

Grace Church of Orange (79)
2201 E. Fairhaven Ave., 92669
(Tel. 714/633-8867)

PARAMOUNT (Phil Guerená)

Iglesia De Los Hermanos
15733 Orange Ave. (meeting at the
Brethren High School), 90723
(Mailing Address: 5885 Downey Ave.,
Long Beach, 90805)
(Tel. 213/634-5587)
Martha Valdelamar, 2875 Gale, Long
Beach, 90810 (Tel. 213/490-0054)

REDLANDS (Mitchell D. Cariaga)

Orange Grove Community Church (3)
2064 Orange Tree Ln. (Mailing address:
5646 Newbury, San Bernardino,
92404) (Meeting at the Orangerie
Patio, Edward's Mansion, off I-10)
(Tel. 714/798-8883)

RIALTO (Roy L. Polman)

Grace Community Church (64)
690 W. Etiwanda Ave., 92376
(Tel. 714/875-0730)
Greg Hansen, 1039 S. Alice,
(Tel. 714/874-0456)

RIPON (Glen W. Shirk)

Ripon Grace Brethren Church (197)
734 West Main St., 95366
(Tel. 209/599-3042)
Dorothy Schaffer, P.O. Box 506
(Tel. 209/599-6344)

RIVERSIDE (Brian Smith)

Grace Brethren Church (100)
P.O. Box 8532, 92515
(Tel. 714/359-8195)
Mike Muis, 11042 Orchard View Lane,
92503 (Tel. 714/785-5024)

SACRAMENTO (Thomas Lynn)

River City Grace Community Church
(100) 4261 Whitney Ave., 95821 (cor-
ner of Whitney and Eastern Aves.)
(Tel. 916/972-1106)

SAN BERNARDINO (Ward Miller)

Grace Brethren Church (46)
25700 Pacific St., 92404
(Tel. 714/889-8695)
Lonna Carel, church address

SAN DIEGO (Philip Teran)

Grace Brethren Church (97)
3455 Atlas St., 92111
(Tel. 619/277-5364)
Colleen Teran, church address

SAN JOSE (Lew Ingwaldson)

South Bay Community Church (27)
4610 Camden Ave., 95124
(Tel. 408/269-1289)
Christopher Burke, 1411 Blackstone Ave.
(Tel. 408/267-2935)

SANTA ANA (Francisco Javier Peraza)

Maranatha Grace Brethren Church
(Spanish-speaking) (39)
Meeting at 1704 W. First St., 92703
(Tel. 714/541-9312)
Alva Gonzales, 3817 S. Sycamore St.

SANTA MARIA (Ralph Schwartz)

Grace Brethren Church (47)
223 E. Fesler, 93454 (Tel. 805/922-4991)
Randy Coleman, 4533 Eileen Ln.
(Tel. 805/927-4761)

SANTA PAULA (Robert MacMillan)

Grace Brethren Church (42)
107 S. 8th St., Santa Paula 93060
(Tel. 805/525-5080)

SEAL BEACH (Donald P. Shoemaker)

Grace Community Church of Seal Beach
(283) 138 Eighth St., 90740
(Tel. 213/596-1605)
Linda Strong (church address and
telephone)

SIMI VALLEY (John McIntosh)

Grace Brethren Church of Simi Valley
(457)
2762 Avenida Simi, 93065
(Tel. 805/527-0195)
Mrs. Diane Clark, 3390 Wichita Falls
Ave., 93063 (Tel. 805/522-1279)

SOUTH PASADENA (Terry Daniels)

Grace Brethren Church of South
Pasadena (65)
920 Fremont Ave., 91030
(Tel. 818/799-6081)
Betty Mitchell, P.O. Box 944, 91031
(Tel. 818/799-6461)

TEMPLE CITY (Stephen Helm)

Temple City Grace Brethren Church (26)
5537 Temple City Blvd., 91780
(Tel. 818/286-6342)
Colleen Helm, Church address

TRACY

Grace Brethren Church (60)
1480 Parker Ave., 95376
(Tel. 209/835-0732)

WESTMINSTER (Robert C. Kliever)

Westminster Grace Brethren Church
(192)
14614 Magnolia Ave., 92683
(Tel. 714/893-5500)
Carolyn Hastings, 3283 Arizona Ln.,
Costa Mesa, 92626

WHITTIER (Richard Todd)

Community Grace Brethren Church of
Whittier (353) 11000 E. Washington
Blvd., 90606 (2 blocks east of 605
Freeway)
(Tel. 213/692-0588)
Mrs. Marian McBride, 13842 Valna Dr.
(Tel. 213/693-1530)

WHITTIER (Stephen Kuns)

Grace Brethren Church (92)
6704 Milton Ave. (Mailing address: P.O.
Box 174, 90608) (Tel. 213/698-0914)
Norma Shamberger, 14046 Oval Dr.,
90605 (Tel. 213/696-3093)

YUCCA VALLEY (Roger Mayes)

Grace Community Church (26)
6300 Ruth Dr., 92284
(Tel. 619/228-1785)
Mrs. Lillian Doherty, P.O. Box 976,
Joshua Tree, 92252
(Tel. 619/365-1922)

COLORADO**ARVADA** (Chris Ball)

Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church
(54) 7100 Wadsworth Blvd., 80003
(Tel. 303/424-3116) (Pastor's home
phone: 303/430-8537)

COLORADO SPRINGS (F. Thomas Inman)

Grace Brethren Church (65)
2975 Jet Wing, 80916
(Tel. 719/390-8096)
Sally McDonald, 2375 Jet Wing Dr.,
(Tel. 719/597-8177)

DENVER (Aldo Hoyt)

Denver Grace Brethren Church (25)
700 S. Federal Blvd. 80219
(Tel. 303/934-7876)
Mrs. Alice Hoyt, 725 S. Eliot St.,
(Tel. 303/936-0979)

CONNECTICUT**HARTFORD** (Louis Huesmann)

Grace Brethren Church of Greater
Hartford (12)
13 Pebble Dr., Newington (Mailing
address: P.O. Box 11459, Newington,
06111) (Meeting in the Wallace
Middle School, 71 Halleran,
Newington) (Tel. 203/667-1245)
Michael Sanville, 16 Pheasant Hill Rd.,
Salem, 06415

DELAWARE**NEWARK** (J. Timothy Coyle)

Grace Brethren Church (30)
Meeting at the George M. Wilson
Community Ctr. 303 New London
Rd. (All mail to pastor's address)
(Tel. 302/834-1722)
Ron Bove, 6 Westfield Dr., 19711
(Tel. 302/737-0932)

FLORIDA**BASINGER** (Larry Zimmerman)

Christian Brethren Church (30)
700 A St. (Mailing address: 12585 N.W.
144th Trail, Okeechobee, 34972)
(Location: ½ mile N. of Hwy.98)
(Tel. 813/467-1863)

BRADENTON

Grace Brethren Church (31)
5535 33rd St. E., 34203
(Tel. 813/758-1556)
Mrs. Elaine Bearinger, 1200 Aurora
Blvd., #150B, 34202

BROOKSVILLE (Alan Clingan)

Grace Brethren Church (40)
6259 Faber Dr. Rolling Acres, 34602
(Tel. 904/796-7172)
Mrs. Romaine Wentz, 27313 Frampton
Ave., (Tel. 904/799-0472)

DELTONA (Kenneth Koontz)

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (34)
3165 Howland Blvd., 32725
(Tel. 904/789-1289)
Mrs. Charles Dudley, (Tel. 904/775-6825)

FORT LAUDERDALE (Stephan Edmonds)

Grace Brethren Church (147)
1800 N. W. Ninth Ave., 33311
(Tel. 305/763-6766)
Mrs. Diane Potts, 3821 N.W. Fourth
Ave., Pompano Beach 33064
(Tel. 305/782-4408)

FORT MYERS (Randall Smith)

Grace Brethren Church (50)
2141 Crystal Dr., 33907 (in the Villas,
one block off Rt. 41, five miles south
of city) (Tel. 813/936-3251)
Mrs. Marci Webb, 6317 Hoffstra Ct.

LAKELAND (James Taylor)

Grace Brethren Church (28)
6410 Lunn Rd., 33811,
(Tel. 813/647-5770)
Steve Keers, 1309 Periwinkle Ct., 33811
(Tel. 813/687-4677)

MAITLAND

Grace Brethren Church (73)
Wymore Rd. (½ mile north of Maitland
Blvd. Interchange on I-4) (Mailing
address: Box 762, 32751)
(Tel. 407/628-8816)
Sally Boger, c/o church address

MELBOURNE (Bill Smith, Interim)

Community Grace Brethren Church —
Suntree (35)
1001 Pinehurst Ave. N. (Suntree) 32940
(Exit 73 on U.S. 95 to Wickham, left
on Pinehurst Ave.)
(Tel. 407/254-8993)
Mrs. Shirley Moore, 486 Kale St.,
Satellite Beach, 32937
(Tel. 407/773-4905)

NAPLES (Dan Thompson)

Community Grace Brethren Church (25)
740 Clarendon Ct., 33942 (Meeting
in the Naples Family YMCA, Pine
Ridge Rd.) (Tel. 813/598-9222)

NORTH PORT (Lester Pifer)

Grace Brethren Church (14)
Temporary address: North Port Mall,
Room 106, 130000 Tamiami Tr.
(Mailing address: 6602 23rd Ave.,
Bradenton, 34209)
(Tel. 813/426-4549, Pastor's phone
813/794-2008)
Mrs. John Stookey, 915 Queen Rd.,
Venice, 34595 (Tel. 813/493-8013)

OCALA (Charles Davis)

Ocala Grace Brethren Church (40)
(All mail to pastor's address) Temporary
location: 3620 N.E. 8th Pl., Suite 10,
Permanent location: 6474 N.E. 7th
St.
Darryl Kerr, 4360 S.E. 58th Pl., 32671
(Tel. 904/368-6803)

OKEECHOBEE (William Tweeddale)

Grace Brethren Church Inc. (150)
701 S. Parrott Ave. 34974
(Tel. 813/763-3218)
Mrs. Brenda Fortner, 401 S.W. 12th St.,
34974 (Tel. 813/763-3082)

ORLANDO (Earl Futch)

Grace Brethren Church of Orlando (87)
5425 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd., 32819
(Tel. 407/876-3178)
David Herzig, (Tel. 407/656-4727)

ORMOND BEACH (Leland Friesen)

Grace Brethren Church of Ormond
Beach (61) 1060 St. Rd. 40, 32174
(Tel. 904/673-0145)
John Graton, 1060 State Rd. 40,
(Tel. 904/677-7919)

PALM HARBOR (Kurt Miller)

Palm Harbor Grace Brethren Church (83)
2255 Nebraska Ave., 34683
(Tel. 813/789-2124)

POMPANO BEACH (Ed Lewis, Interim)

Grace Brethren Church of Pompano
Beach (25) 3501 N.E. Third Ave.,
33064 (Tel. 305/941-3176)

PORT RICHEY (Jim Poyner)

Gulfview Grace Brethren Church (107)
6639 Hammock Rd., 34668 (Hammock is
1 mile south of State Rd. 52, off
Highway 19) (Tel. 813/862-7777)
Mrs. Evelyn Shane, c/o church address

SEBRING (Jay Fretz)

Sebring Grace Brethren Church (72)
3626 Thunderbird Rd., 33872
(Tel. 813/385-3111)
Elsie Miller, 1010 Wightman Ave.,
(Tel. 813/385-5774)

ST. PETERSBURG (Randy Weekley)

Grace Brethren Church of St. Petersburg
(85) 6300 62nd Ave., N., Pinellas
Park, 34665 (Tel. 813/546-2850)
Linda Richards, 9830 Oaks St., Tampa,
33635 (Tel. 813/888-7841)

GEORGIA

ATLANTA (Ernest Usher)

DeKalb Community Grace Brethren
Church (21) P.O. Box 370837, Decatur,
30037

ATLANTA (Dean Fetterhoff)

Grace Brethren Church of Greater
Atlanta (143) 3079 Hidden Forest Ct.,
Marietta, 30066 (Tel. 404/422-3844)
Mrs. Linda Jarrell, 450 Springfield Dr.,
Woodstock, 30188 (Tel. 404/924-4841)

HAWAII

AIEA (Nathan Zakahi)

Waimalu Grace Brethren Church (124)
98-323 Pono St., 96701
(Tel. 808/488-6006)
Harriett Young, 98-139 Olepe Loop,
(Tel. 808/488-3180)

EWA BEACH (C. L. "Kip" Coffman)

Rainbow Grace Brethren Church (37)
91-779 Fort Weaver Rd., 96706
(Tel. 808/689-5035)
Mrs. Arleen Alejado, 91-824 Oama St.
(Tel. 808/689-6398)

MAKAKILO (James Kennedy)

Makakilo Grace Brethren Church (21)
P.O. Box 2097, Ewa Beach, 96706

MILILANI (A. David Mitchell)

Waipio Grace Brethren Church (90)

95-035 Waimakua Dr., 96789

(Tel. 808/623-5313)

Miss Ellen Nagao, 95-108 Waimakua Dr.

(Tel. 808/623-2116)

INDIANA

BERNE (Larry Edwards)

Bethel Brethren Church (173)

718 E. Main St., 46711 (**Mailing address:**

P.O. Box 46) (Tel. 219/589-3381)

Mrs. Larry Leistner, 1006 E. Main St.,

(Tel. 219/589-2237)

CLAY CITY (Robert G. Clouse)

First Brethren Church (37)

Tenth and Cook Sts., (**Mailing address:**

P.O. Box 85, 47841)

Miss Lavaughn Backfisch, R.R. 1,

(Tel. 812/939-2620)

COLUMBIA CITY (Robert Ashman)

Columbia City Grace Brethren Church

(34) 2390 E. 100 S. (Two miles east of

Columbia City on Route U.S. 30,

46725)

Marion Bolinger, R. 1

(Tel. 219/723-4259)

ELKHART (Everett Caes)

Grace Brethren Church (121)

24775 CR 20 E., 46517

(Tel. 219/875-5271)

Dorothy Caes, 58644 C.R. 111

(Tel. 219/295-6337)

FLORA (Richard Sellers)

Grace Brethren Church (56)

103 S. Willow St., 46929

(Tel. 219/967-3020)

Rosanna Fife, R.R. 1, Bringham, 46913

(Tel. 219/967-3201)

FORT WAYNE (Larry Richeson)

First Grace Brethren Church (208)

3326 S. Calhoun St., 46807, (**Mailing****Address:** P.O. Box 12718, 46864)

(Tel. 219/744-1065)

Isobel Fraser, 5014 Old Maysville Rd.,

46815

FORT WAYNE (Robert Arenobine)

Grace Brethren Church (79)

4619 Stellhorn Rd., 46815

(Tel. 219/485-3021)

Mrs. George Troxel, 5021 Forest Ave.,

(Tel. 219/749-8332)

GOSHEN (Kenneth Bickel)

Grace Brethren Church (123)

1801 W. Clinton St., 46526

(Tel. 219/533-7546)

Mrs. Dorothy Brumbaugh, 22864 St.

Rd. 119 (Tel. 219/533-3715)

INDIANAPOLIS (Paul E. Woodruff)

Eagle Creek Grace Brethren Church

(137) 7001 W. 46th St., 46254

(Tel. 317/293-3372)

Jan Wilson, 4965 W. 12th St., 46224

(Tel. 317/241-4484)

KOKOMO (Gerald Kelley)

Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church

(62) 725 E. Center Rd., (300 South)

46902 (Tel. 317/453-0933)

Mrs. Bev Phillabaum, 1106 Tomahawk

Blvd. (Tel. 317/453-1243)

KOKOMO (Dick Cron)

North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church

(108) 37 W. 550N, 46901

(Tel. 317/457-8886)

Kay Shrock (Tel. 317/689-9872)

LEESBURG (Jeffrey Hoffard)

Leesburg Grace Brethren Church (79)

Church and Pearl Sts., (**Mailing****address:** Box 370, 46538)

(Tel. 219/453-3401)

MISHAWAKA (Scott L. Weaver)

Mishawaka Grace Brethren Church (57)

4001 N. Main St., (**Mailing address:**

P.O. Box 5143, 46544)

(Tel. 219/256-5940)

Mrs. June A. Durham, 57737

Blackberry, 46544

(Tel. 219/255-4422)

NEW ALBANY (Davy L. Troxel)

New Albany Grace Brethren Church

(52) 3725 St. Joseph Rd., 47150

(Tel. 812/948-PRAY)

Mrs. Teresa Belles, 2806 Victoria Dr.,

Sellersburg, 47172

(Tel. 812/246-5826)

OSCEOLA (Keith A. Shearer)

Grace Brethren Church (290)

58343 Apple Rd., 46561

(Tel. 219/674-5918)

Esther Plodowski, 527 Capital Ave.,

Mishawaka, 46544

(Tel. 219/256-1758)

PERU (Ron Bowland)

Peru Grace Brethren Church (173)

436 S. Broadway (**Mailing address:**

P.O. Box 552, 46970) (Tel. 317/473-3881)

Richard Holiday, R.R. 3

(Tel. 317/985-2561)

SIDNEY (Glenn Byers)

Sidney Grace Brethren Church (44)

P.O. Box 1, 46566

Harold Brandenburg, Box 153,

(Tel. 219/839-3292)

SOUTH BEND (Roger Krynock)

Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church
(154) 1701 E. Ireland Rd., 46614
(Tel. 219/291-3550)
Mrs. Don DeLee, 809 W. 12th St.,
Mishawaka, 46544

WARSAW

Community Grace Brethren Church
(329) 909 S. Buffalo St., 46580
(Tel. 219/269-2443)
Penny Schroeder, 310½ S. Washington
St., (Tel. 219/269-5325)

WINONA LAKE (John Teevan)

Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church
(732) 1200 Kings Highway, 46590
(Tel. 219/267-6623)
Alice Koontz, R. 8, Box 231, Warsaw,
46580 (Tel. 219/267-6013)

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Grace Brethren Church (51)
2905 D Ave., N.E., 52402
(Tel. 319/363-4983)
Sue Schellenburg, Apt. 2, 308 8th St.,
Marion, 52302

DALLAS CENTER (Stephen Burns)

Grace Brethren Church (76)
305 Hatton St., (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 477, 50063)
(Tel. 515/992-3235)
Mrs. Glenn B. Perkins, 400 Kellogg
(Tel. 515/992-3325)

DAVENPORT (Bob Foote)

Grace Brethren Church (73)
3919 N. Elsie Ave., 52806
(Tel. 319/391-5356)
Mrs. Sherri Delp, 641 W. 53rd St.
(Tel. 319/391-9171)

DES MOINES

First Grace Brethren Church (41)
921 Lyon St. (Mailing address:
909 E. Lyon St., 50309)
(Tel. 515/262-5290)
Dean Travis, 1425 York St., 50316
(Tel. 515/265-1077)

GARWIN (Milt Ryerson)

Carlton Brethren Church (76)
R. 1, Box 172, 50632 (½ miles
southwest of Garwin)
(Tel. 515/499-2358)
Mrs. Carl Kouba, R. 1, Toledo, 52342
(Tel. 515/499-2052)

LEON (Russell Betz)

Leon Brethren Church (71)
Corner of North Church and N.W. 7th
Sts. (All Mail to: 604 N. Main St.,
50144) (Tel. 515/446-7576)
Mrs. Ray Andrew, R. 1
(Tel. 515/446-6563)

NORTH ENGLISH

Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church
(27) R. 1, Box 33, 52316 (2 Miles
east of Millersburg, 7 miles
northwest of North English)
(Tel. 319/664-3568)
Gretchen White, 323 E. Oak St.
(Tel. 319/664-3108)

UDELL

Udell Grace Brethren Church (11)
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52593) (Tel. 515/452-6620)

WATERLOO (John P. Burke)

Grace Brethren Church (534)
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Mrs. Ward Speicher, 953 Lynda Rd.,
50701 (Tel. 319/232-6380)

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Morrill Grace Brethren Church (21)
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(Tel. 913/459-2487)
Doris Martney, R. 3, Falls City, NE
68355 (Tel. 402/245-3698)

PORTIS (R. John Snow)

Grace Brethren Church of Portis (95)
Box 6, 67474 (on Highway 281)
(Tel. 913/346-2085)
Darrel Wolters, (Tel. 913/346-2097)

WICHITA (Ralph Molyneus)

Grace Brethren Church (12)
1108 N. Oliver, 67208
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Penny Kolby, 950 N. Terrace, 67208

KENTUCKY**CLAYHOLE** (Ray Sturgill)

Clayhole Grace Brethren Church (55)
H. C. R. 79, Box 219, 41317 (Highway
476, 4 miles east of Lost Creek)
(Tel. 606/666-7767)
Mrs. Dixie Lee Noble, Box 189-A, Lost
Creek, 41348 (Tel. 606/666-2094)

DRYHILL (Samuel Baer)

Victory Mountain Grace Brethren
Chapel (50) H.C. 62, Box 640, Dryhill,
41749 (9 miles north of Hyden on
Route 257) (Tel. 606/672-2520)
Lois Jean Valentine, Confluence, 41730
(Tel. 606/672-2455)

LEXINGTON (Paul Michaels)

Grace Bible Church of Lexington (12)
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40517) (Tel. 606/273-2868)
Mrs. Veronica Walker, 129 Lackawana
Rd., 40503 (Tel. 606/278-1009)

MAINE

BRUNSWICK (Darrel Taylor)

Down East Grace Brethren Church (15)
Near U.S. 1 and Maine St. (Mailing
address: P.O. Box 916, 04011)
(Tel. 207/729-8283)
Michael D. Hebert, church address

MARYLAND

ACCIDENT (Paul Mohler, Interim)

Grace Brethren Church (38)
Bumble Bee Rd., 21520 (1 mile south of
Accident)
Mrs. Shirley Burns, McHenry, MD
21541 (Tel. 301/387-6805)

CUMBERLAND (Raymond McCoy)

Cumberland Grace Brethren Church
(113) R. 2, Box 497, 21502 (From
Rt. 48 take Willow Brook Rd. to end,
turn right on Williams Rd.)
(Tel. 301/777-8362)
Candice Hanft, 150 Polk St.
(Tel. 301/759-4788)

HAGERSTOWN (J. Norman Mayer)

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (86)
115 Bryan Pl., 21740
(Tel. 301/733-6375)
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Williamsport, 21795
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Mrs. Linda Buchanan, 247 Sunrise Dr.
(Tel. 301/797-6917)

HAGERSTOWN (Larry B. Sowers)

Maranatha Brethren Church (232)
1717 Jefferson Blvd., 21740
(Tel. 301/733-1717)
Mrs. Robin Himes, 57 Scott Hill Dr.,
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Valley Grace Brethren Church (128)
2275 Gay St. (Halfway Area), 21740
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Barbara Hoover, 309 Clinton Ave.,
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LANHAM (W. Russell Ogden)

Grace Brethren Church (203)
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Nancy Scarborough, 6308 Martins Ln.,
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TEMPLE HILLS

Grace Brethren Church of Greater
Washington (*One church in six
locations*)

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ALEXANDRIA (VA) (James Schaefer)

Grace Brethren Church (49)
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Mrs. Ione Hile, 16 W. Del Ray Ave.
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CALVERT CO. (Robert W. Wagner)

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20736 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 458)
(Tel. 301/855-2955)
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Dunkirk, 20754 (Tel. 301/855-6926)

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5102 Old National Pike, 21701
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Ct., (Tel. 301/694-7063)

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283-1, 20601 (Tel. 301/645-0407)
Mrs. Darlene Thomas, 17-6 Deborah Dr.,
Hughesville, 20637
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Mill Run Grace Brethren Church (25)
R.R. 1, Box 75, 21562 (4 miles north of
Westernport, west off Route 36)
Kay Clark, HCR Box 175A Michael Rd.,
Barton, 21521 (Tel. 301/463-6649)

MASSACHUSETTS

PALMER

Grace Brethren Church of Palmer
Shaw St. (Mailing address: 54 South St.,
Three Rivers, 01080)
(Tel. 413/283-7458)
Phil Mead, 54 South St., Three Rivers,
01080 (Tel. 413/283-7458)

MICHIGAN

ALTO (Michael Funderburg)

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (118)
13626 84th St., S.E., (corner of 84th St.
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49331 (Tel. 616/897-9549)

ESCANABA (Gary Hable)

Bay De Noc Grace Brethren Church (10)
4391 "K" Rd., Bark River, 49807
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HASTINGS (Kevin Eady)

Hastings Grace Brethren Church (9)
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Darrel Hawbaker, 705 E. State Rd.,
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Grace Brethren Church (125)
Vedder Rd. (Mailing address: 9390
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(Tel. church: 616/374-7796;
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Mrs. Orley Hulliberger, Tasker Rd., R. 3,
(Tel. 616/374-7818)

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NEW TROY (Arthur McCrum)

New Troy Grace Brethren Church (36)
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St. Joseph, 49085 (Tel. 616/429-0337)

OZARK (Michael Ostrander)

Grace Brethren Church (48)
R. 1, Box 212, Moran, 49760 (5½ miles
east and 1 mile south of Trout Lake
on H-40) (Tel. 906/569-3212)
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49732

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Grace Brethren Church (35)
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Evelyn Keezer (Tel. 308/268-4950)

NEW JERSEY

HOPE (Eugene Wall)

Grace Brethren Church of Hope (58)
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07844) (Tel. 201/459-4876)
Stanley M. Dick, P.O. Box 167

NEW MEXICO

COUNSELOR (Tully Butler)

Cedar Hill Navajo Grace Brethren
Church (20) c/o Brethren Navajo
Mission, Counselor, 87018
(Tel. 505/568-4454)

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P.O. Box 15863, 87174
(Tel. 505/892-8537)

TAOS (Robert Salazar)

First Brethren Church of Taos (180)
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east on Raton Rd.) (Mailing address:
P.O. Drawer 1068, 87571)
(Tel. 505/758-3388)
Tomisita Varos, P.O. Box 203, Arroyo
Seco, 87514 (Tel. 505/776-8530)

NEW YORK

SARATOGA SPRINGS (Dale Jenks)

Grace Brethren Church of Saratoga
Springs (21)
50 Hathorn Blvd., 12866
(Tel. 518/587-1907)
Len Kellogg, P.O. Box 547, Stillwater
12170 (Tel. 518/664-8894)

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CHARLOTTE (Stephen Howell)

Grace Brethren Church (40)
5110 Tuckaseegee Rd., 28208
Dan Randall, 2100 Long Ridge Ln.,
28214 (Tel. 704/394-3225)

OHIO

AKRON (A. Harold Arrington)

Ellet Grace Brethren Church (201)
530 Stetler Ave., 44312 (Ellet area)
(Tel. 216/733-2520)

Charlotte Marky, 807 Danner Rd.,
Talmadge, 44278
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AKRON (David Leimeister, Interim)

Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church (160)
754 Ghent Rd., 44313
(Tel. 216/666-8341)

Nancy Adams, 4679 Ranchwood Rd.,
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ANKENYTOWN (W. Carl Miller)

Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church
(146) 20601 Old Mansfield Rd.,
Bellville, 44813 (4½ miles N.E. of
Fredericktown on State Route 95)
(Tel. 614/694-6936)

Mrs. Darlene Smith, 8491 Yankee St.,
Fredericktown, 43019

ASHLAND

Grace Brethren Church (484)
1144 W. Main, 44805 (Tel. 419/289-8334)

ASHLAND (Gary L. Taylor)

Southview Grace Brethren Church (157)
810 Katherine Ave., 44805
(Tel. 419/289-1763)

Susan Howman, 1629 SR 603, R. 1,
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Grace Brethren Church (50)
121 S. Enterprise St., 43402
(Tel. 419/352-6635)

Beth Cookson, 17724 Cross Creek Rd.,
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BROOKVILLE (Henry C. Mallon)

Brookville Grace Brethren Church (287)
12152 Westbrook Rd. (Mailing address:
PO. Box 113, 45309)
(Tel. 513/833-5562)

Joe Patterson, 218 Yount Rd, West
Milton, 45383

CAMDEN (Elgin L. Green)

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96 W. Central Ave., 45311
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Grace Brethren Church (225)
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N.E., North Canton, 44721
(Tel. 216/499-4669)

CENTERVILLE (Greg Ryerson)

Centerville Grace Brethren Church (100)
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Ruth Bowles, 57B Laurretta Mae Dr.,
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Grace Brethren Church
P.O. Box 388, Loveland, 45140
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Jeff Seebohm, 3550 Verbena Dr., Sharon-
ville, 45241 (Tel. 513/733-8385)

CLAYTON (Darryl Ditmer)

Clayton Grace Brethren Church (63)
Box 9, 45315 (Salem and Kimmel Rd.)
(Tel. 513/836-1689)

Mrs. Don Dickey, 7920 National Rd.,
Brookville, 45309 (Tel. 513/833-5139)

COLUMBUS (Kenneth Brown)

East Side Grace Brethren Church (245)
7510 E. Broad St., Blacklick 43004
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(Tel. 614/861-5810)

Millie Hedges, 2100 Birchwood Dr.,
43068 (Tel. 614/866-2966)

COLUMBUS (James L. Custer)

Grace Brethren Church of Columbus
(2,564) 8225 Worthington-Galena Rd.,
Westerville, 43081 (Mailing address:
6675 Worthington-Galena Rd.,
Worthington, 43085)
(Tel. 614/888-7733)

William Burby, 102 Kennebec Pl. E.,
Westerville, 43081

COLUMBUS (Quentin Matthes)

Southwest Grace Brethren Church (74)
3150 Demorest Rd. (SDA church next to
Beulah Park, west of Grove City)

(All mail to pastor's address)

Mrs. Pat Walker, 6661 Hall Rd.,
Galloway, OH 43119
(Tel. 614/870-6637)

COLUMBUS (Howard Stouffer)

Trinity Grace Brethren Church (196)
1712 Courtright Rd., 43227
(Tel. 614/236-0616)

Jenny McAllister, 7463 E. Broad St.
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COOLVILLE (George Horner)

Grace Brethren Church (30)
Seminary and Rock Sts. (off Routes 50
and 7 between Athens and Belpre)
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Shirley Bowman, R. 1, Box 27A

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5850 St. Rt. 41 West, 45318
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CUYAHOGA FALLS (Doug Jensen)

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1736 E. Bailey Rd., 44221
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Mrs. Heidi McClure, 600 Woodside Dr.,
Kent, 44240

DANVILLE (Albert E. Hockley)

Grace Brethren Church (21)
302 E. Ross St. (**Mailing address:** P.O.
Box 509, 43014) (Tel. 614/599-6467 or
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DAYTON (Brian L. White)

Basore Road Grace Brethren Church
(176) 5900 Basore Rd., 45415
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Sylvia Koeller, 335 Leisure Dr.,
Brookville, 45309

DAYTON (Robert Poirier)

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Dayton (31) 2000 Catalpa, (**Mailing
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(Tel. 513/277-5900)
Ann Felkley, 1010 Tanglewood,
Englewood, 45322
(Tel. 513/822-2223)

DAYTON (G. Forrest Jackson)

First Grace Brethren Church (294)
2624 Stonequarry Rd., 45414
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Mrs. Roy Trissel, church address

DAYTON (Howard W. Mayes)

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Heights (211) 5001 Fishburg Rd.,
45424 (Tel. 513/233-4324)
Linda K. Penn, 7456 Elru Dr., 45415
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DAYTON (Tad K. Hobert)

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(125) 4101 N. Main St., 45405
(Tel. 513/274-2187)
Mrs. Sally Blades, 203 W. Main St.,
Medway, 45341 (Tel. 513/849-6249)

DELAWARE (Jeffrey A. Gill)

Grace Brethren Church (117)
375 Hills-Miller Rd., 43015
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Mrs. Jennie Ecker, 9090 Ashley Rd.,
Ashley, 43003

DUBLIN (Terry Hofsicker)

Northwest Chapel Grace Brethren
Church (111) 6700 Rings Rd., (**Mailing
address:** P.O. Box 1234, 43017)
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Lynn Cline, 224 Bombay Ave.,
Westerville, 43081
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ELYRIA (George Peters, Interim)

Spring Valley Grace Brethren Church
(62) 1305 Nash Ave., 44035
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ENGLEWOOD (James F. Hunt, Jr.)

Englewood Grace Brethren Church (112)
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Rd., Farmersville, 45325
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209 Lexington Ave., 45840
(Tel. 419/422-8148)
Tom Cornwall, 945 Bernard Ave.

FREMONT (Craig Snyder)

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1611 North St., 43420
(Tel. 419/332-8190)
Melissa Esker, 1355 Buckland Ave.,
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Grace Brethren Church (325)
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Clyde, 43410
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GALION (Russ Simpson)

Grace Brethren Church (46)
1055 Winchester Rd., 44833
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Sandy Lane, 726 Jackson Rd.
(Tel. 419/468-4979)

HOMERVILLE (Robert F. Holmes)

Grace Brethren Church (168)
8156 Firestone Rd., 44235
(Tel. 216/625-3304)
Nancy Lilly, 10259 Spencer Rd, West
Salem, 44287

KETTERING (Daniel Grabill)

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (50)
2850 E. Dorothy Ln., 45420
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LEXINGTON (Dave Atkins, Interim)

Grace Brethren Church (258)
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(Tel. 419/884-2140)

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Don Dollens, 3578 Diller Rd., Elida,
45807 (Tel. 419/331-7338)

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Grace Brethren Church (32)
715 St. R. 42W) (Mailing address:
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Church (46) Meeting in the Dodge
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MANSFIELD (J. Hudson Thayer)

Grace Brethren Church (243)
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(Tel. 419/756-2204)

MANSFIELD (Robert Russell)

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580 Woodville Rd., 44907
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Mrs. Stanley Petras, 210 Malone Rd.,
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MARION (Dave Kennedy)

Grace Brethren Church (45)
2813 Gooding Rd., 43302
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Harry Simmons, 445 Linda Mel St.,
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MEDINA (Daniel Najmian)

Grace Brethren Church (61)
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Grace Brethren Church (166)
2911 William St., N.E. (Mailing
address: P.O. Box 43, 44652)
(Tel. 216/499-6691)
Mrs. Mona Collins, 3363 Kinsley Dr.,
N.E. Hartville, 44632
(Tel. 216/877-2037)

MIFFLIN (Philip Steele)

Mifflin Grace Brethren Church (104)
1149 Co. Rd. 30A, 44805
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Alan Channell, 757 Main St., Bailey
Lakes, 44805 (Tel. 419/962-4614)

MILLERSBURG (Charles G. Thornton)

Grace Brethren Church (45)
Meeting in a church about 4 miles east
on S.R. 39 (Mailing address: P.O. Box
202, 44654) (Tel. 216/674-1228)
Mrs. Miriam Weaver, 6521 CR 189, R. 5
(Tel. 216/674-6268)

MINERVA (Galen W. Wiley)

Minerva Grace Brethren Church (91)
22797 Ellsworth Ave., 44657
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Mrs. Marilyn Christen, 16395 Marvin-
dale Dr., S.E., 44657
(Tel. 216/868-6726)

MOUNT VERNON (John E. Bryant)

Grace Brethren Church in Mt. Vernon
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501 S. Main St. (Mailing address:
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Grace Brethren Church of Norton (232)
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Maranatha Grace Brethren Church (36)
920 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., 44906
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Mike Graham, R. 4, Box 155-B,
Plymouth-Springmill Rd., Shelby,
44875 (Tel. 419/347-5047)

OREGON (John Fahrback)

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4035 Williston Rd., Northwood, 43619
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2200 Paradise Rd., 44667
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Deb Galehouse, 54 S. Main St.,
Marshallville, 44645
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PATASKALA (Stephen Miller)

Grace Brethren Church of Licking
County (139)
3517 Headley's Mill Rd., 43062
(Tel. 614/927-6543)
Peggy Giffin, 309 Poplar St.,
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Grace Brethren Church (280)
44 S. First St., 44270 (Tel. 216/925-3626)
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SINKING SPRING (Frank Crotinger)

Grace Brethren Church (27)
Box 55, 45172 (One block west from
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Nina Couser, Sinking Spring

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Grace Brethren Church (102)
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TOLEDO (Jeffrey A. Carroll)

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TOLEDO (W. Ray Miller)

Toledo Grace Brethren Church (13)
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Betty J. Miller, 4860 Catalina Dr.,
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TROTWOOD (Charles E. Lawson)

Grace Brethren Church (119)
12 Strader Dr., 45426 (across from
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(Tel. 513/854-2521)
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West Milton, 45383
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TROY (Roy E. Glass III)

Grace Brethren Church (48)
527 N. Market St., 45373
(Tel. 513/335-1852)
Kathy Booker, 990 Lee Ave.
(Tel. 513/339-3263)

UNION (Stephen Peters)

Community Grace Brethren Church (351)
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Richeline Prim, 950 S. Johnson Rd.,
Ludlow Falls, 45339
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Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (57)
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WEST ALEXANDRIA (Percy Miller)

Grace Brethren Community Church (55)
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P.O. Box 148, 44094

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Grace Brethren Church (778)
1912 Burbank Rd., 44691
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Grace Brethren Church (25)
801 S.E. Ermine, 97321
(Tel. 503/926-1836)
Velma Cundiff, 2758 S.E. 7th, No. 1
(Tel. 503/926-6181)

BEAVERTON (Duane Jones)

Grace Brethren Church (67)
980 N.W. 180th St., 97006 (corner of
180th and Walker Rd.)
(Tel. 503/645-7471)
Barbara Gilgan, 450 N.E. Edison,
Hillsboro, 97123 (Tel. 503/640-4187)

TROUTDALE (Jim Holder)

Grace Brethren Church (30)
27938 S.E. Stark St. 97060
(Tel. 503/666-6146)
Mrs. Linda Graham, 4340 24th Ave.,
Gresham, 97080
(Tel. 503/663-0736)

PENNSYLVANIA

ALEPPO

Aleppo Brethren Church (62)
P.O. Box 66, 15310 (Tel. 412/685-5190)
Bonnie Riffle, R. 1, New Freeport,
15352 (Tel. 412/685-5249)

ALTOONA (Richard Horner)

First Grace Brethren Church (103)
2934 Maple Ave., 16601
(Tel. 814/942-7642)
David Wriston, 2823 Maple Ave.
(Tel. 814/942-2835)

ALTOONA (Timothy Waggoner)

Grace Brethren Church (100)
Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata),
16601 (Tel. 814/942-8861)
Mrs. Ruth Swartz, 204 25th Ave.
(Tel. 814/943-4606)

ARMAGH (Norris B. Mason)

Valley Grace Brethren Church (94)
Junction of Routes 56 and 22 (**Mailing address:** Box 178, 15920)
(Tel. 814/446-6685)

Sherry Fritz, R. 1, Box 85, Homer City,
PA 15748 (Tel. 814/446-6680)

AVIS (James Snively)

Tiadaghton Valley Grace Brethren
Church (76) P.O. Box 299, 17721
(Tel. 717/753-3275)

Mrs. Kathie Mitchell, P.O. Box 345,
(Tel. 717/753-3239)

BETHLEHEM

Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church
(110) 580 Bridle Path Rd., 18017
(Tel. 215/868-0004)

Mrs. Connie Hitchman, 342-B West
Main St., Bath, 18014
(Tel. 215/837-8825)

BLAIN (Dennis Huratiak)

Sherman's Valley Grace Brethren
Church (18) South Main St., (**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 147, 17006)
(Tel. 717/536-3676)

Tammy Sue Strube, 18 Pine Tree Ln.,
Shermansdale, 17090
(Tel. 717/582-7031)

BOSWELL (Ellwood Keller)

Laurel Mtn. Grace Brethren Church (76)
R.R. 2, Box 121-A 15531 (One mile
north of Jennerstown on Rt. 985)
(Tel. 814/629-5545)

Dale Moon, R. 1 (Tel. 814/629-7268)

CHAMBERSBURG (David Manges)

Grace Brethren Church (63)
315 S. Edwards Ave., 17201
(Tel. 717/264-3767)

Mrs. Barbara Poe (church address)

CONEMAUGH (Thomas E. Goossens)

Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church (64)
Corner of Second and Oak Sts. (**All mail**
to 115 Oak St., 15909)
(Parsonage Tel. 814/539-5333)

Mrs. William Gillespie, 278 Ross Ln.
15909-1989 (Tel. 814/322-4558)

CORAOPOLIS (Walt Whiteman, Elder)

Community Grace Brethren Church (45)
Meeting at Carol Leone's Gymnastics,
551 Thorn Run Rd., P.O. Box 452, 15108
(Tel. 412/264-2874)

Dorothy Dall, 2731 Beaver Grade Rd.,
(Tel. 412/264-8502)

DILLSBURG (Warren E. Tamkin)

Hope Grace Brethren Church (108)
P.O. Box 275, 17019 (One mile east on
Old York Rd.) (Tel. 717/432-5332)

Michael Doutrich, P.O. Box 82, 315
Main St., Wellsville, 17365

DUNCANSVILLE (John E. Gregory)

Leamersville Grace Brethren Church
(191) R.R. 2, Box 538, 16635 (Four
miles south of Duncansville on old
U.S. Rte. 220) (Tel. 814/695-3739)

Mrs. Donna Evans, R. 2, Box 220
(Tel. 814/695-7117)

ELIZABETHTOWN (Daniel Eshleman)

Grace Brethren Church (232)
305 Anchor Rd., 17022
(Tel. 717/367-1281)

Mrs. Carol Barger, 440 Hillside Ave.
(Tel. 717/367-3755)

EMMAUS (William Crabbs)

Southern Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren
Church (10)

3333 Lehigh St., (**Mailing address:** P.O.
Box 284, 18049) (Temporarily
meeting at Scott Lot Used Car Ctr.)

Mrs. Sherri Picard, Apt. P2F, Livingston
and 24th, Allentown, 18104
(Tel. 215/776-1608)

EPHRATA (Mark E. Saunders and Robert D. Kern)

Ephrata Area Grace Brethren Church
(109) 62 Hahnstown Rd. (**All mail**
to: P.O. Box 144, Ephrata, 17522)
(Tel. 717/738-1109)

Mrs. Glenn Burkholder, R. 2, Box 729
(Tel. 717/859-2240)

EVERETT (Timothy Boal)

Community Grace Brethren Church
(124) P.O. Box 63, Everett, 15537
(Tel. 814/652-5405)

Jeff Troutman, R. 3, Box 476

EVERETT (Robert Kulp)

Everett Grace Brethren Church (119)
14 W. Main, 15537 (Tel. 814/652-2811)
Charlie Wright, 121 Locust Dr.,
(Tel. 814/652-2840)

GETTYSBURG (Donald R. Hinks)

Gettysburg Grace Brethren Church (13)
Meeting at Seventh Day Adventist Ch.,
Fifth and Hanover Sts. (**All mail to:**
24 Chambersburg St., 17325) (Tel.
717/334-1282, or 717/334-8634)

Mrs. Nora Brandt, 2235 Baltimore Pike
(Tel. 717/334-2272)

HARRISBURG (Carroll Bingaman)

Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren
Church (95) 2205 Swatara St., 17104
(Tel. 717/238-4186)

Shirley Winter, 998 Pieffers Ln., 17109
(Tel. 717/564-6536)

HATBORO (Gary Gnagey)

Suburban Grace Brethren Church (62)
749 W. County Line Rd. 19040
(Tel. 215/675-5818)

Wm. Robertson (Tel. 215/672-1166)

HOLLIDAYSBURG (Robert Griffith)
Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church (124)
R. 1, Box 555, 16648 (Four miles south
of Hollidaysburg, off Rte. 36 at
Brooks Mill) (Tel. 814/695-4240)
Mrs. Paul Magill, R. 1, Box 533
(Tel. 814/695-2191)

HOPEWELL (Melvin Van Orman)
Grace Brethren Church of Hopewell (57)
Rt. 26 (two miles south of Hopewell)
(Mailing address: Rd. 2, Box 477,
Duncansville, 16635)
(Tel. 814/695-3855)
Mrs. Dolores Van Orman, R. 2, Box 477,
Duncansville, 16635

JENNERS (Max DeArmy)
Jenners Grace Brethren Church (148)
15531 (Rte. 601 south of Rte. 30)
(Tel. 814/629-9105)
Mrs. Deloris Flanigan, Box 88
(Tel. 814/629-9471)

JOHNSTOWN (Harry Nonnemacher)
Geistown Grace Brethren Church (100)
730 Sunberry St., 15904
(Tel. 814/266-9170)
Sylvia Nonnemacher, 205 10th St.,
Windber, 15963

JOHNSTOWN
Johnstown Grace Brethren Church (181)
535 Napoleon St., 15901
(Tel. 814/539-7815)
Mrs. Pamela Dukery, 558 Highland
Ave., 15902 (Tel. 814/539-1092)

JOHNSTOWN (Lyle Sweeney)
Pike Grace Brethren Church (258)
R.R. 6, Box 185, 15909 (old Rt. 22 at
Mundy's Corner) (Tel. 814/749-8721)
Nancy Wozniak, R. 1, Box 233, Mineral
Point, 15942 (Tel. 814/322-4983)

JOHNSTOWN (H. Don Rough)
Riverside Grace Brethren Church (258)
R.R. 4, Box 61A, 15905
(Tel. 814/479-2525)
Mrs. Linda Gallus, R. 3, Box 222 Fair
St., 15904 (Tel. 814/266-6761)

JOHNSTOWN (Ron Carnevali)
Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church
(206) R.R. 8, Box 121, 15909 (on Rte.
271, 2 miles south of Rte. 22 and
Mundy's Corner)
(Tel. 814/322-4376)
Opal Stouffer, 202 Ash St., Parkhill,
15945 (Tel. 814/539-3281)

KITTANNING (Richard H. Cornwell)
Grace Brethren Church of West
Kittanning (249)
215 Arthur St., 16201
(Tel. 412/543-4019)
Sharon Hooks, R. 5, 424-A
(Tel. 412/543-4030)

KITTANNING (Robert L. Burns)
North Buffalo Grace Brethren Church
(128) R.R. 4, Box 39, 16201
(Tel. 412/763-7871)
Cindy Burns, R. 4
(Tel. 412/545-2702)

LANCASTER (William S. Davis)
Grace Brethren Church of Greater
Lancaster (145)
911 Rohrerstown Rd., 17601
(Tel. 717/397-9991)
Mrs. Ruth Ebersole, 617 Janet Ave.
(Tel. 717/397-6400)

LANCASTER (John F. Smith)
Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren
Church (197) 300 Willow Valley
Square, 17602 (Tel. 717/464-2782)
Beth Engle, 135 W. Main St., Strasburg,
17579 (Tel. 717/687-9072)

LISTIE (Ronzil Jarvis)
Listie Grace Brethren Church (108)
P.O. Box 111, 15549 (3 miles north of
Somerset on Rt. 281, 1 mile east off
Rt. 281) (Tel. 814/443-2365)
Mrs. Sallie Graham, R. 1, Friedens,
15541

LITITZ (Jerry R. Young)
Grace Brethren Church of Lititz (509)
501 W. Lincoln Ave., 17543
(Tel. 717/626-2155)
Tom Avey, 100 Homestead Dr.
(Tel. 717/627-4113)

MANHEIM (Rick Clark)
Manheim Grace Brethren Church (87)
333 E. High St., 17545
(Tel. 717/665-2334)
Barbara High, R. 4, Echo Valley Rd.,
(Tel. 717/653-5856)

MARTINSBURG (William H. Snell)
Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church
(417) Mulberry and State Sts., 16662
(Tel. 814/793-2513)
Mrs. Gail Bridenbaugh, R. 1, Box 718,
(Tel. 814/793-3911)

MEYERSDALE (Larry K. Gegner)
Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church (249)
112 Beachley St., 15552 (on U.S. 219)
(Tel. 814/634-5980)
Mrs. Joanne Berkley, 240 High St.
(Tel. 814/634-5083)

MEYERSDALE (Albert Valentine)
Summit Mills Grace Brethren Church
(102) R.R. 1, 15552 (West of
Meyersdale, 3 miles on St. Paul Rd.)
(Tel. 814/634-8200)
Mary Sgaggaro

MILROY (Doug Sabin)

Milroy Grace Brethren Church (69)
 Taylor Dr., Taylor Park, Reedsville,
 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 357,
 Milroy 17063) (Tel. 717/667-6031)
 Mrs. Vivian Hosterman, 136 Center St.,
 17603 (Tel. 717/667-2652)

MURRYSVILLE

Grace Brethren Church (12)
 (Mailing address: Murry Corporate
 Park-Suite E, 1010 Corporate Dr.,
 Export, 15632 (Tel. 412/733-5133)
 Steve Martin, 1042 Saybrook Dr.,
 Greensburg, 15601
 (Tel. 412/834-2748)

MYERSTOWN (Luke E. Kauffman)

Myerstown Grace Brethren Church
 (1,079) 430 E. Lincoln Ave., (Mailing
 address: P.O. Box 244, 17067)
 (Tel. 717/866-5704)
 Sherrie Stohler, 18 S. Fairlane Ave.
 (Tel. 717/866-4010)

NEW HOLLAND (Vernon Harris, Interim)

Grace Brethren Church (218)
 415 S. Kinzer Ave., 17557
 (Tel. 717/354-9229)
 Mrs. Doty Smith, 225 W. Spruce St.,
 (Tel. 717/354-8205)

PALMYRA (Gerald Allebach)

Grace Brethren Church (80)
 799 Airport Rd., 17078
 (Tel. 717/838-5447)
 Mrs. Margaret Allebach, R. 3, Box 370
 (Tel. 717/838-3899)

PHILADELPHIA (Michael Brubaker)

First Brethren Church (138)
 Oxford Ave. and Knorr St., 19111
 (Tel. 215/745-2799)
 Mrs. Margery Brubaker, 822 Knorr St.,
 (Tel. 215/745-6021)

PHILADELPHIA (Stephen Blake)

Third Brethren Church (39)
 Ella and Tioga Sts. (All mail to 204 E.
 Tioga St. 19134) (Tel. 215/423-8047)
 Helen Bothwell, 617 W. Elkins Ave.,
 19120 (Tel. 215/424-2215)

PINE GROVE (Mike Wallace)

Echo Valley Grace Brethren Church (79)
 17 Birch St., Tremont, 17981
 (Tel. 717/695-2136)

ROYERSFORD (Kenn Cosgrove)

Tri-County Grace Brethren Church (33)
 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 249, 19468)
 (Tel. 215/326-5684)
 Marlene Shugars, 161 Larchwood Ct.,
 Collegeville, 19426
 (Tel. 215/489-3604)

SOMERSET (Bob Parker)

Grace Brethren Church of Somerset
 R.R. 3, Felgar Rd., 15501
 (Tel. 814/445-8645)

STOYSTOWN (Larry R. Weigle)

Reading Grace Brethren Church (44)
 R.R. 3, 15563 (Hwy. 281, 9 miles north
 of Somerset)
 Mrs. Virginia Barron, R. 2
 (Tel. 814/893-6208)

TELFORD (Roger L. Wambold)

Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church (295)
 320 N. Third St., 18969
 (Tel. 215/723-5890)
 Christine Allem, 155 Dietz Mill Rd.
 (Tel. 215/721-1513)

UNIONTOWN (True L. Hunt)

Grace Brethren Church (195)
 Grace Ln., 15401 (off Derrick Ave.)
 (Tel. 412/437-3401)
 Mrs. Gilbert Ferree, 713 Morgantown Rd.
 (Tel. 412/437-6121)

WASHINGTON (Richard H. Battis, Sr.)

Grace Brethren Church (105)
 4 Waynesburg Rd., 15301
 (Tel. 412/225-8203)
 Mrs. Richard Miles (Tel. 412/222-8474)

WAYNESBORO (Roger K. Myers)

Grace Brethren Church (208)
 250 Philadelphia Ave., 17268 (4th St.
 and Philadelphia Ave.)
 (Tel. 717/762-5826)
 Mrs. Joyce Fitz, 16 S. Grant
 (Tel. 717/762-6907)

WINDBER (Michael A. Ocealis)

Shade Grace Brethren Church (17)
 4242 Dark Shade Dr., 15963
 (Tel. 814/467-4578)
 Cheryl Black, 1333 Hillsboro Rd.
 (Tel. 814/467-7188)

WRIGHTSVILLE (Leslie D. Nutter)

Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church
 (94) R. 2, Box 99, 17368
 (Tel. 717/252-1233)

YORK (Daniel White)

Grace Brethren Church (152)
 661 N. Newberry St., 17404
 (Tel. 717/843-7284)
 Jacquelyn Aby, 1005 N. George St.
 (Tel. 717/854-4005)

SOUTH CAROLINA

AIKEN (Steve W. Taylor)

Grace Brethren Church (99)
125 Talatha Church Rd., 29801
(Tel. 803/649-3967)
Phil Clepper, 3 Glencoe Ln.
(Tel. 803/648-2544)

ANDERSON (Donald J. Soule)

Grace Brethren Church (43)
1603 Whitehall Rd., 29625
(Anderson 178, exit off I-85)
(Tel. 803/224-7330)
Mrs. Don Soule, Rt. 11, Box 274
(Tel. 803/225-6844)

COLUMBIA (James Jackson)

Carolina Grace Brethren Church (14)
P.O. Box 2025, Irmo, 29063
(Tel. 803/732-3029)
Presently meeting at Friarsgate Park
recreation Center, Chadford Rd., Irmo

TENNESSEE

JOHNSON CITY

Grace Brethren Church (34)
803 Sunset Dr., 37604
(Tel. 615/282-5513)

TELFORD (Mike Wingfield)

Grace Brethren Church (134)
R.R. 1, Box 431, 37690 (Hwy. 11-E, 6
miles west of Jonesboro)
(Tel. 615/257-2880)
Mrs. Evelyn Henry, R. 6, Jonesborough,
TN 37659 (Tel. 615/753-3855)

TEXAS

AUSTIN (Fenton McDonald)

Calvary Bible Fellowship
(Mailing address: P.O. Box 1489,
Pflugerville, 78660)
(Tel. 512/251-0332)

FORT WORTH (Ronald Guiles)

Grace Fellowship Church
Meeting at 1000 W. Pipeline Rd. (SDA
church), Hurst
Church offices: 1245 Hurstview Dr.,
Hurst, 76053 (Tel. 817/282-6593)

LONGVIEW (John W. Mayes)

Grace Brethren Church (73)
800 Doyle St., 75601
(Tel. 214/753-4912 or 214/753-8133)
Joyce Roden, 135 Lincoln Way, 75603
(Tel. 214/643-3759)

McALLEN (Robert Soto)

McAllen Grace Brethren Church
4206 N. 23rd St., 78504
(Tel. 512/686-5757)
Mrs. Bernice Intermill (acting secy.),
R.1, Box 51, Lot 925, Alamo, 78516
(Tel. 512/783-7016)

VERMONT

IRASBURG (Scott M. Libby)

Grace Brethren Church (69)
R. 1, 05845 (Tel. 802/754-2363)
Monica Libby, church address

ISLAND POND

Grace Brethren Church (67)
Rt. 105 (west of town) (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 432, 05846)
(Tel. 802/723-4785)
Claude Marcoux (Tel. 802/723-5942)

VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA (James Schaefer)

(Note: See listing Temple Hills, MD)

BOONES MILL (Ralph Miller)

Grace Brethren Church (48)
State Rte. 739 (Mailing address: R.R. 1,
Box 84, 24065) (Tel. 703/334-5798)
Mrs. Vivian Young (Tel. 703/334-5679)

BUENA VISTA (Michael Rockafellow)

First Brethren Church (315)
100 E. 29th St., 24416
(Tel. 703/261-6425)
Margaret Lynn, 411 Sycamore Ave.
(Tel. 703/261-2308)

COVINGTON (Dan Gillette)

Grace Brethren Church (137)
2507 S. Carpenter Dr., 24426
(Tel. 703/962-9541)
Gary Malcom, 214 E. Trout St.
(Tel. 703/962-4360)

LYNCHBURG

Grace Brethren Church (8)
P.O. Box 11272, Lynchburg, 24506
(Tel. 804/384-3893)

RADFORD (Lester W. Kennedy)

Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church (83)
R. 4, Box 275, 24141 (Tel. 703/639-1245)
Judy Hubbard, R. 2, Box 316
(Tel. 703/731-1950)

RICHMOND (Wayne L. Hannah)

Grace Brethren Church (131)
Robious and Cranbeck Rds., 23235 (near
Rt. 60 southwest of Richmond)
(Tel. 804/272-9000)
Bob Smith, 7932 Epic Rd.

RINER (Carl D. Ratchliffe)
Grace Brethren Church (63)
R. 8, (Three miles south of Riner) (**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 87, 24149)
(Tel. 703/382-7571)
Mrs. Linda Snavelly, R. 1, Box 13
(Tel. 703/382-8394)

ROANOKE (Fred Devan)
Clearbrook Grace Brethren Church
(110) 5922 Brethren Rd. (4 miles south of Rt. 419), 24014
(Tel. 703/774-1265)
Mrs. Molly Simmons, 5677 Yellow Mountain Rd. (Tel. 703/774-9680)

ROANOKE (G. Douglas Witt)
Garden City Grace Brethren Church (88)
3504 Bandy Rd., 24014
(Tel. 703/345-6266)
Eldon Grubb, 5183 Yellow Mtn. Rd., S.E., Lot 62, (Tel. 703/982-5549)

ROANOKE (Nathan Leigh)
Ghent Grace Brethren Church (200)
1511 Maiden Ln., S.W., 24015 (Wasena Ave. and Maiden Ln., S.W.)
(Tel. 703/345-2788)
Mrs. Doris Greenwood, 3522 Greenland Ave., N.W., 24012 (Tel. 703/362-3472)

ROANOKE (Don Eshelman)
Patterson Memorial Grace Brethren Church (191) 5512 Hollins Rd. (**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 7649, 24019)
(Tel. 703/362-0336)
Mrs. Tanya Webster, 4714 Pennsylvania Ave., N.E.

ROANOKE (George Traub)
Washington Heights Grace Brethren Church (85) 3833 Michigan Ave., N.W., 24017 (Tel. 703/366-7040)
Jackie Pace, 916 Van Buren St., N.W.
(Tel. 703/362-4736)

SALEM (Ralph Morgan)
Wildwood Grace Brethren Church (60)
2222 Wildwood Rd., 24153 (Take exit 40 off I-81, turn left at stop sign)
(Tel. 703/387-3723)
Mrs. Elsie Lawrence, 2456 Wildwood Rd. (Tel. 703/389-0703)

SEVEN FOUNTAINS (Hugo Ronk)
Trinity Brethren Church (15)
Mrs. Ruth Corman, 112 North River Dr., Woodstock, 22664
(Tel. 703/459-5115)

TROUTVILLE (Charles L. Young)
Grace Bible Brethren Church (31)
Co. Rt. 651, P.O. Box 367, 24175
Mrs. Betty Dobbins, R. 4, Box 467
(Tel. 703/992-3780)

VIRGINIA BEACH (Michael Johnson)
Grace Brethren Church (89)
1725 Salem Rd., 23456
(Tel. 804/471-5148)
Deanna McLane, 2541 Adventure Trail, 23454 (Tel. 804/340-2972)

WILLIS
Grace Brethren Church (17)
R.R. 3, Box 138, 24380 (State Hwy. 604, one mile off St. Hwy. 799)
(Tel. 703/593-3693)
Mrs. Mary M. Hall, R.R. 3, Box 138
(Tel. 703/593-3693)

WINCHESTER (Kim G. Robertson)
Blue Ridge Grace Brethren Church
(139) R. 4, Box 501-T (½ mile west of Ward's Plaza on Cedar Creek Grade), 22601 (Tel. 703/667-9399)
Don Gregory, R. 1, Box 157-A, Clearbrook, 22624 (Tel. 703/667-5035)

WINCHESTER (Richard Bell)
Grace Brethren Church (212)
645 Berryville Ave., 22601
(Tel. 703/662-6360)
Nancy Bell, 1425 Williams Dr.
(Tel. 703/662-6189)

WASHINGTON

GOLDENDALE (Gregory M. Howell)
Community Grace Brethren Church (37)
1180 S. Roosevelt St., 98620
(Tel. 509/773-3388)

GRANDVIEW (Dwight Cover)
Grace Brethren Church (132)
1111 W. Third St., 98930
(Tel. 509/882-3439)
Rita Harper, 303 Avenue "D"
(Tel. 509/882-1479)

HARRAH (Charles H. Winter)
Harrah Grace Brethren Church (92)
17 W. Pioneer St. (**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 69, 98933) (Tel. 509/848-2609)
Mrs. Carol Johnson, Box 141
(Tel. 509/848-2661)

KENT (Jack Rants)
Grace Brethren Church of Kent (207)
11135 S.E. 232nd, 98031
(Tel. 206/854-4248)
Lorraine Nystrand, 23224 100th, S.E.
(Tel. 206/852-7475)

MABTON (Rodger Williams)
Grace Brethren Church (70)
Fifth and B. Sts. (**Mailing address:** Box 216, 98935) (Tel. 509/894-4477)
Mrs. Dianne Artz, P.O. Box 365
(Tel. 509/894-4266)

PROSSER (Charles E. Mitchell, III)
Community Grace Brethren Church (50)
1032 Sheridan Ave., 99350
(Tel. 509/786-1675)
Mrs. Alta Ball, R. 2, Box 2283-B
(Tel. 509/973-2781)

SPOKANE (George Christie)
Spokane Valley Grace Brethren Church
(30) E. 12407 16th Ave., 99216
(Tel. 509/924-9575)
Mary Roush, E. 2707 DeSmet, 99202
(Tel. 509/534-7359)

SUNNYSIDE (Ray Feather)
Grace Brethren Church (223)
Seventh and Franklin (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 87, 98944)
(Tel. 509/837-6096)
Sharon Feather, church address

TOPPENISH (Greg Stamm)
Grace Brethren Church (82)
507 S. Juniper St., 98948
(Tel. 509/865-4007)
Jo Parton (Tel. 509/854-1259)

YAKIMA (J. Paul Brook)
Grace Brethren Church (44)
904 S. 26th Ave., 98902
(Tel. 509/453-3720)
Mrs. Earl Dekker, 3505 Emma Lane,
98083 (Tel. 509/248-0558)

WEST VIRGINIA

CROSS LANES (E. "Zeke" Young)
Cross Lanes Grace Brethren Church (8)
5386 Big Tyler Rd. (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 7571, 25356) meeting at the
Tyler Mtn. V.F.D. Community Bldg.
(Tel. 304/776-1355)
Kathy McClain, 711 Hazel Dr.,
Charleston, 25314
(Tel. 304/345-1658)

GRAFTON (Joseph E. Nass)
First Grace Brethren Church (116)
45 W. Saint Charles St., 26354
(Tel. 304/265-0043 or 265-0048)
Cathy Adkins, 105 Lincoln St.
(Tel. 304/265-4719)

MARTINSBURG (Carl A. Baker)
Rosemont Grace Brethren Church (182)
117 S. Illinois Ave., 25401
(Tel. 304/267-6330)
Mrs. Mary Blair, 577½ Rock Cliff Dr.
(Tel. 304/267-8062)

PARKERSBURG (Richard Placeway)
Grace Brethren Church (84)
1610 Blizzard Dr., Rt. 14 S., 26101
(Tel. 304/422-5390)
Wayne Meadows, church address

VIENNA (Edward deJongh)
Community Grace Brethren Church (15)
(Mailing address: P.O. Box 5284,
26105)
Jennie Geibig, 25 Meadowcrest,
Parkersburg 26101
(Tel. 304/422-7687)

WYOMING

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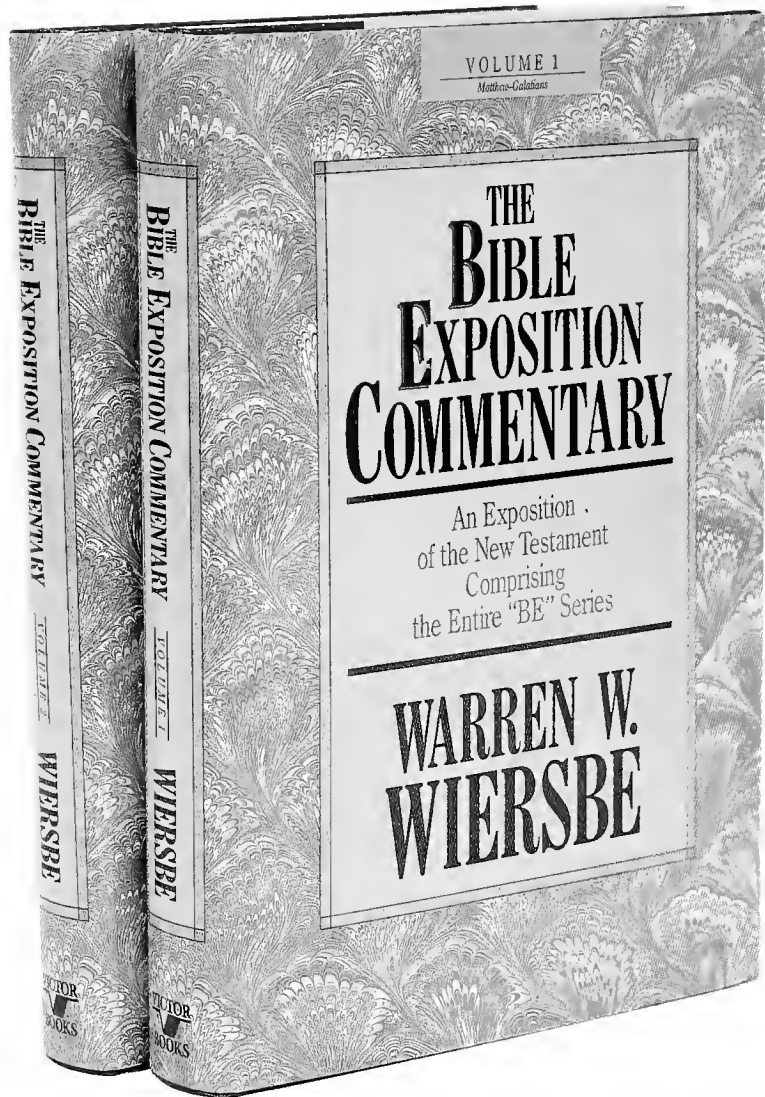
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Here we are in December looking at the turn of the calendar and the beginning of a new year. New years have an effect on us all. It is like a new beginning -- we know it is not, but we like to think it is anyway. We know January 1st does not eliminate the Christmas bills or take away our aches and pains. However, there is something refreshing about it.

This new year has some element of being different. It is the beginning of a new decade -- not just any new decade, it is the final decade of the century. Not too many people get an opportunity to live through such a period of time. Some do it twice but you have to be at least 110 years old to qualify.

We Americans like to name everything and decades get that privilege. Remember the "Soaring Sixties"? We put titles on the 70's and 80's as well. Now it is time to look at the 90's and do a little prophecy. I would like to take this opportunity to project a little into the future with a few guesses.

Could it be the DECADE OF DEMOCRACY?

All of Eastern Europe is in change and the Berlin Wall is falling down. Mr. Gorbachev makes statements difficult to believe. Is "The Evil Empire" turning good? What about the European common market countries joining together in 1992? It all sounds like Daniel knew what He was talking about and the end may be before the beginning of . . . 2000 A.D.

Could it be the DECADE OF DEBT?

Here is an area in which we Americans are experts. We loaned money to all of the lesser developed countries and put them hopelessly in debt forever. It worked so well we decided to try it ourselves. We have done a remarkable job of proving no one can do it better than we can. National debt, internal debt, personal debt . . . proving if we get enough debt today, we can have everything we want NOW. Why wait until tomorrow?

Could it be the DECADE OF DECADENCE?

The Nation's capital is the murder capital of the world. Sorry,

Miami and Detroit you rank second and third. Drug related deaths at night leave the bodies to be picked up in the morning. Rest assured the bodies will be there to be picked up along with the trash and garbage bags. If you do not understand the taking of human life without reason, flip on the tube and you can see person after person killed every night in the prime viewing hours. Add abortion and the break-up of the home and this could be the new low level mark in morality.

Could it be the DECADE OF DEMISE?

The systems of the world are growing weary. Signs of the times are increasing and the church is silent. Is it a return to the time of Noah? We are eating and drinking and the signs of Christ's return increase. We cannot continue to defy God and ignore Him as persons and nations. Open warfare is declared against governments who want to stop drug lords from making money. Money is more important than values and Columbia is not the sole actor in this drama. The patience of God has always had its limits -- there was fire from Heaven on Sodom and a flood to remind people of the limits. There was the overthrow of Jerusalem. Is God ready to speak openly again?

Could it be the DECADE OF DECLARATION?

This could be the time when Jesus declares Himself to be the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords -- the time when He chooses to come down and call us up. This really would add a touch of God's power to the decade. John stated it best -- "Even so come quickly."

This decade may be none of the above. It could be filled with surprises -- some may be very pleasant. Putting our guesses aside, we do know it will be a time of opportunity for Christian believers. We know this to be true because each day of life offers us the time to do God's will, live for His glory and bear witness to a lost world of God's redeeming love. We may not make it through the decade as a world or as individuals, but we do have this day to do God's bidding. Let's do it!



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FLR . . . Rumor or Reality?

by Rev. Henry Mallon
Brookville, Ohio

About a year ago this pastor heard a rumor going around that Brethren Evangelistic Ministries had a neo-ministry called "First Love Renewal". The rumor was that it was some sort of political-charismatic thing! It is amazing how rumors can influence one's thinking, and even more humorous to discover that those who were politely sharing the rumor had never even been to a First Love Renewal Seminar.

In September of 1989 (in spite of the rumor) this pastor and the people of the Brookville, Ohio Grace Brethren Church invited the First Love Renewal staff for a four-day seminar. To begin with, the staff of FLR are people like you and me who love the Lord. It was a great joy getting to know the FLR team -- men like Ron Thompson, Executive Director of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries. Besides Ron, one of the main teachers, he had on his team Pastor George Traub from the Washington Heights Grace Brethren Church in Roanoke, Virginia, another outstanding communicator. Included also was Tony DeRosa, a businessman who loves to teach the principles of First Love Renewal, and a member of the Board of Directors of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries. Tony shared a heart-moving testimony of how the Lord had delivered him from a life of crime to Christ. Another real treat for our church family was hearing Mike and Terica Williams. The Lord used Mike and Terica's music ministry to take our eyes off of self, and put our hearts on God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! The music ministry of the Williams' went on before each teaching session (eight in all) for about 15-20 minutes. Four other churches from the Southern Ohio District joined us each night.

First Love Renewal is all about going back to that excitement of knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord; experiencing your relationship with Jesus, and in obedience to Him -- going out to share Christ with others when the Lord gives the opportunity in our daily routines. The FLR staff was not trying to teach us another new method to evangelize, but allowing God to restore to us that relationship that a new believer experiences when he or she first meets Him, and sharing Christ becomes natural. Why? Because you are excited about your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It is like the excitement about receiving something new, or about your winning team (but I know there is no comparison!).

Remember what Dr. Haddon Robinson from Denver Theological Seminary shared with us at National Conference -- how the Lord desires to meet with His people especially when we congregate together for worship and the study of His Word (Matthew 18:20; John 14:21).

What did First Love Renewal do for me as a pastor? The Lord used it to free me from being caught up with methods of evangelism (**not** that methods are evil), and by the Holy Spirit in the light of His Word helped me to focus my eyes on Jesus (**my** relationship with Him). From that relationship with Jesus, He causes me to be burdened for the spiritually lost people around me. When my son, Timothy, received a new bike for Christmas one year, he was so excited that he told others about it in the light of what his parents did for him. Christians do the same when back to their first love! It is essential to check out the rumors before one concludes anything about First Love Renewal. This pastor personally believes that you and your people will not be disappointed in what the Lord will do through your congregation in building His Kingdom.

My wife, Joan, shared with me about one of her girlfriends who attended the seminar, and for the first time in her Christian experience testified for Jesus Christ at a soccer game with another parent. If we as a Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches do not take the opportunity of the ministry of First Love Renewal, the Lord may take it from us and give it to another fellowship. May God give our FGBC the grace to attempt great things for Him!



Left to right, some of the Brookville FLR attendees: Earl and Elene Dohner, pastor Henry and Joan Mallon, and Dave and Karen Black.

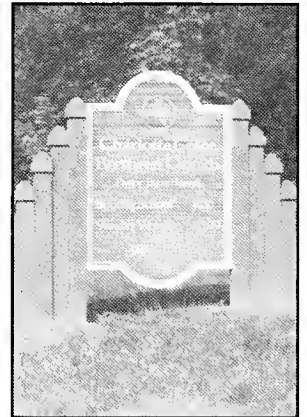
Spared from Destruction

A story of Hurricane Hugo and the Charlotte, NC, Grace Brethren Church

by Pastor Steve Howell



It was 3:30 a.m., Friday morning, September 22, 1989. Most of the members of the Charlotte Grace Brethren Church were awakened in their homes by the powerful winds of Hurricane Hugo. They wondered about the future of their lives and personal property. They were astonished that the hurricane was ravaging their city with such intensity 200 miles inland.



The next day more than ninety percent of the city was without power. Many of the church families were without electricity and phone service for almost a week. After nearly two weeks some were still waiting for power to be restored.

The city of Charlotte and many surrounding counties were declared Federal Disaster Areas by President George Bush. As such, they are eligible for federal aid to help in the restoration process. Without it, the clean up of this area would be an even greater hardship and take years to accomplish fully.

A little more than a year ago, the Grace Brethren congregation in Charlotte was uncertain about the future of their church. The pastor had just resigned, and a key family was leaving the area. Several other families were considering seeking a different church home. The winds of discouragement were tearing away any hope for the future of the nine-year-old congregation. The leaders concluded it might be best for the church to dissolve.

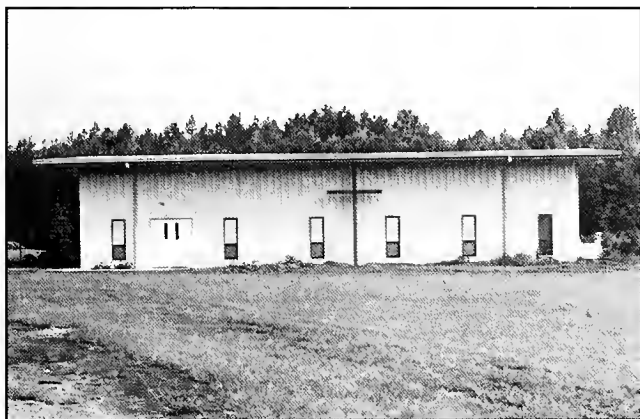
Enter Ed Jackson, Home Missions director for this region. He met with the church people, and together they prayerfully began to appraise the situation. Ed's encouragement helped them to realize that things weren't as bleak as they thought. With his valuable counsel the church began to take the necessary steps to recovery.

Ed contacted retired prison chaplain Ralph Wiley and arranged for him to come as interim pastor until the church could call a full-time leader. Ralph and Dorothea were priceless assets for a period of three months. Their spirit of servanthood and loving

encouragement nursed the ailing congregation back to health.

It was now time for the church to call a pastor. But there were still obstacles to overcome before the church could do so: uncertainty among several families about their commitment to the church and the questionable ability of the congregation to pay a pastor's salary.

John Hervey, chairman of the search committee, was in continual contact with Ed Jackson, keeping him informed of the situation. Ed advised the church to go ahead with the candidating process and assured them of the support of Grace Brethren Home Missions. With this help, the church was able to call a pastor.



Grace Brethren Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

Today, the church is in a rebuilding program that is progressing very well. The families who had been contemplating finding another church home are now a vital part of the church's ministry. Several new families have begun to attend and are involved as well. We are praising God for what He is doing in Charlotte. We look forward to the day when other Grace Brethren Churches will be planted in our city and in other areas in North Carolina.

We in Charlotte have much to praise God for. We have not experienced the devastation that the cities on the coast have had from Hurricane Hugo. Not one church family reported serious damage to its property. The storm even played a part in bringing families in the church closer. Many families met to eat together at the church which had power the next day after the hurricane hit the area.

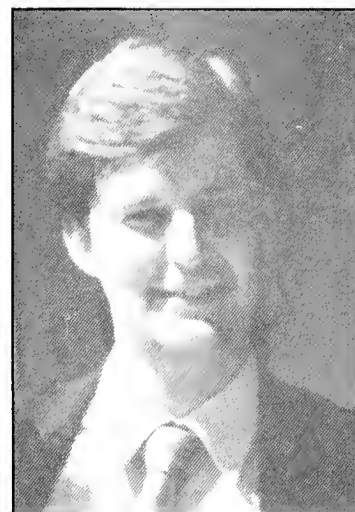
We are grateful most of all that Grace Brethren people all across this nation have had a part in the future of this church through their faithfulness in supporting Home Missions. Without their standing with us during this turning point in our history, there may not be a Grace Brethren church in Charlotte or in North Carolina.

We have had many visitors in the last few months, and several people have shown an interest

in making a decision for Christ. We are now well within reach of our goal to become self-supporting again on July 1, 1990. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we reach out to the growing Charlotte metro area.

When Grace Brethren Home Missions and the faithful people who support its work come to mind, we can echo Paul's gratitude to the Thessalonians. He wrote to them: "How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?" (1 Thessalonians 3:9 NIV).

(Editor's note: The Howell family includes Steve, Sherie, and five children: Chrisi, almost 10; Janell, 8; Marc, almost 7; Phillip, 4; and Sandy, 2. After graduating from Liberty University in 1976, the Howells have ministered on the staffs of the Maranatha Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD; the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA; and as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Johnson City, TN. The family came to Charlotte from a ministry with Pastor Ron Guiles in the Home Missions work in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area. Notes of encouragement can be addressed to them at Grace Brethren Church, 5110 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, NC 28208.)



Pastor Steve Howell

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Home Mission News

Richmond, Virginia -- Brethren across the country have been praying for the "Richmond Project," introduced at National Conference in August. The FGBC conference is developing a strategy to plant at least one church at the site of next year's conference -- Richmond.

We are happy to report that Grace Brethren Home Missions is cooperating fully with the vision of Moderator Roger Peugh, and, in fact, has already called a pastor to the field. The pioneer missionary for the new church to be established next year will be Rev. Dave Kowalke, former missionary to England. He and his family are to move to Richmond at the end of October.

Saratoga Springs, New York -- A new pastor joined the Home Missions team in early November as Dale Jenks assumed leadership at the Saratoga Springs, New York church. Dale came to this ministry from the Grace Brethren Church in Island Pond, Vermont.

Lakeland, Florida -- The Lakeland, Florida congregation dedicated their new worship facility on Saturday, October 7. Eastern director Ed Jackson was there for the dedication of this fine building, and he reports that they have a very beautiful and useful facility. The people are excited about the opportunities for growth in their area.

North Port, Florida -- Another Florida church, at North Port, where Dr. Lester Pifer is pastor, is seeking to buy property to locate a worship center. The group has been meeting only a few months but there are 18 charter members, and they are eager to build a church -- both physically and spiritually.

Schroon Lake, New York -- All Home Mission pastors in the East and South met together in Schroon Lake, New York for the annual Team Clinic (Training and Encouraging for Advancing the Ministry) October 23-26. Under the direction of Ed Jackson, the men enjoyed two days of inspiration, encouragement, and instruction.

Winona Lake, Indiana

-- For fifty years Grace Brethren Home Missions has been successfully reaching people for Christ and planting churches all across America. This anniversary year alone we've seen new churches established from inner-city Philadelphia to the Los Angeles basin, from the southern tip of Texas to the suburbs of Anchorage, Alaska. We have seen new ministries begin to reach out to ethnic America from Hispanic ministries in the Yakima Valley of Washington, ministries to a Black church-planting team in Atlanta, to our three Navajo churches in New Mexico and Arizona.

As we complete our fiftieth anniversary year, we are facing a critical shortfall in offerings. These fruitful ministries are jeopardized by insufficient resources to support them. Additional funds are necessary to meet the commitments to your church-planting missionaries. Executive Director Larry N. Chamberlain is challenging Grace Brethren people to consider a gift of \$50 in appreciation for fifty years of God's blessing on this ministry.

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HOME MISSIONS

From All Around the Nation

Here are some brief excerpts
from recent Home Missions pastors' reports

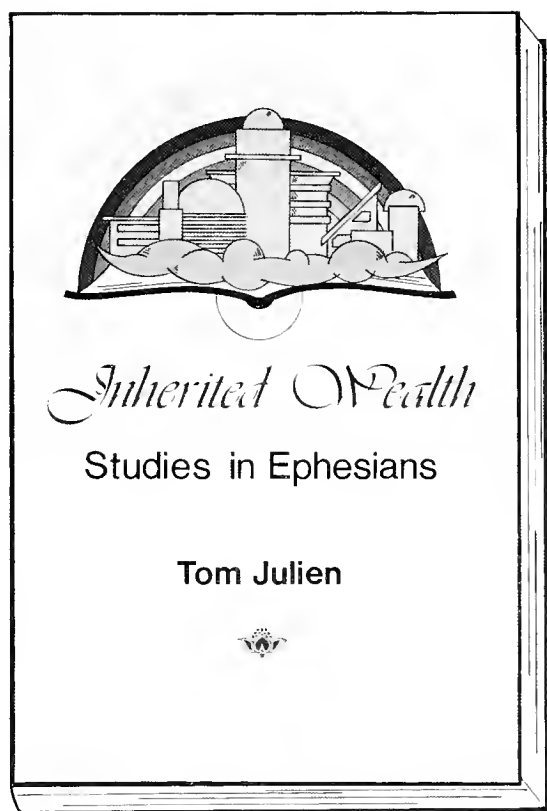
Navajo Mission, Counselor, NM -- "The school year is progressing well with the first nine weeks' grades out. Staff and student interaction is good, and recently, four youngsters responded to the Gospel in Mr. Juday's class. Our Monday morning all-campus chapel is helping to set a tone of 'Family.'" -- Superintendent Larry Wedertz

Saratoga Springs, NY -- "We have been on the field five weeks and there is great enthusiasm among the people for the work here. They are of a mind to work, because they want a Grace Brethren Church in Saratoga Springs." -- Pastor Dale Jenks

Lakeland, FL -- "We rejoice that five people were recently baptized and six members have been added to the church. About 80 attended the dedication of our church. We also hosted our district youth competition, a first for Lakeland." -- Pastor Jim Taylor

Emmaus, PA -- "Church attendance is averaging 18 to 20, and finances are good. But the really exciting news is the work of evangelism. We began Evangelism Explosion in September, and three adults have come to know the Lord already." -- Pastor Bill Crabbs

Anchorage, AK -- "We are continually astounded as God sent us an average of 190 in attendance in September. We moved to a larger room and have already filled it. We may need to begin a second Sunday morning service." -- Pastor Brian Chronister



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Tom Julien and his wife, Doris, served 28 years as missionaries in France where Tom was also field director and European area director. In 1986 he became executive director of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.

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90 years

REMEMBER the COMMITMENT

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In the year 1900, the average life expectancy of a missionary going to Africa was 6 years. When a person decided to give his life to the Lord on the mission field, he was literally offering his life. We've all heard the stories of these dedicated Christians: Allen Bennett's fight with Spanish Flu; James Gribble's 275 mile bicycle ride on the bumpy dirt roads of Central Africa; Ruth Snyder's perilous voyage aboard the Zam Zam.

Why did they do it? Were they foolish? Does God still desire that type of commitment?

Grace Brethren Foreign Missions is celebrating its ninetieth anniversary. We have chosen the theme, Remember the Commitment. Through the means of rallies (perhaps in your church) we hope to remember with you the commitment of those who have gone before us, as well as to challenge you to consider the type of commitment God would desire of you.

Commitment like that of the early pioneer missionaries only comes as a response. A response that is initiated by God Himself. The fact is that God loves the world. He loves people. He loves you. 2000 years ago He demonstrated that love by offering His perfect Son, Jesus Christ, as an impeccable sacrifice for sin; the world's sin, people's sin, your sin. God offers forgiveness, but more than that, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, He offers a new life.

That's the gospel. That is the "stuff" of commitment. When God enlightens a person with the significance of that wonderful message, quitting is not an option. Commitment is the response.

"He died for all that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."

Tentative Schedule for Rallies

January 5-7	Florida Suncoast
January 12-14	South Florida
January 19-21	Indiana
January 26-February 4	Southern California
February 23-25	Southern Ohio
March 2-4	N.Central Ohio-Fremont, Findlay
March 16-18	Allegheny
March 24-25	N.Central Ohio-Ashland area
March 30-April 1	West Penn
April 6-8	Michigan
April 20-22	Northeast Ohio
April 27-May 6	Alaska
June 8-10	Iowa
September 14-23	North Atlantic
October 12-14	Mid-Atlantic
October 19-21	Virginia
October 26-28	Southern
November 2-4	Mountain Plains-Kansas
November 9-11	N.Central Ohio-Columbus area



1. Larry DeArmey preaches a sermon on commitment to the Grace Brethren Church in Lyon, France.

2. Harold Mason delivers a healthy African baby boy.

3. Ike Graham kneels with a young Japanese lady as she prays to receive Christ.

4. Bill Burk explains to a Bible study group of young converts in Brazil what it means to "deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus."

5. Jean Austin sits under the hot African sun, teaching a group of young African mothers how to raise their children in the "discipline and admonition of the Lord."

6. Jack Churchill teaches a class on Leadership to a group of young men in Mexico.

7. Bill Kiddoo leads a Bible study in Solihull, England to encourage the believers and challenge them to share their faith.

8. Dan Beaver plays basketball with a group of Filipinos in Manila, Philippines.

9. John Pappas works with church leaders to write constitution for the church in Aalen, Germany.

10. Tom Julien calls a meeting of the home office team to discuss ways they can more effectively serve the overseas team.

How are the financial needs of these ministries met? The first nine are met through support commitments and gifts to those individual missionaries. #10 is met through commitments and gifts to Operation Lifeline. 10% of the ministry in Grace Brethren Foreign Missions happens in the home office. After seven years of considerable deficit, you've responded to pleas and we very nearly broke even in 1988. However, we face a serious deficit in Operation Lifeline giving in 1989. Please consider a one time, year end gift to help us meet those expenses. In addition, please consider making a monthly commitment to Operation Lifeline in 1990.



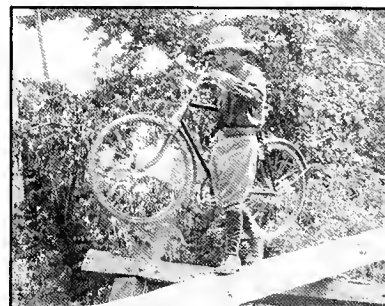
Allen Bennett

GOING ON WITH JESUS

Upon hearing of the death of Miss Myrtle Mae Snyder, pioneer missionary to Africa, Allen Bennett dedicated himself to take her place. He was committed to spreading the Gospel in Africa. On January 17, 1923, fifty-seven days after arriving on African soil, Bennett died. He was 24 years old. The

African Christians were profoundly impressed by this first missionary death in Oubangui-Chari (C.A.R.). Two of them were seen kneeling in prayer at the grave the day after the funeral. Some of them pledged themselves to do the work that Allen Bennett had meant to do. He had prayed that through his life Christ would be glorified. God answered that prayer and used Bennett's life and death to impact many lives.

Going on with Jesus in the
blessed sunlit way,
Walking closely by His side,
rejoicing day by day;
Trusting in His kindly care
and resting in His love,
Always pressing onward to
that resting place above.



Bennett's transportation

Going on with Jesus, resting always on His arm,
Comforted in sorrow, daily kept from every harm;
Storm clouds gather 'round about and settle o'er the way,
Jesus speaks in accents low and rolls the clouds away.

-- Allen Lee Bennett

IF YOU COULD SEE AS I DO

"Oh God, purge me and send me and put me into the very thickest of the fight." The Lord used Gribble in the "battle" for African souls. The following is an excerpt from a letter by Gribble. It is taken from *Undaunted Hope*, a book written by Dr. Florence Gribble about the pioneer work in Africa.

"If you were to see the need of the Gospel in this country as I do . . . you would not wonder at the opposition of the adversary. But we believe and trust God that by His grace He will give us the very desire of our hearts, that of seeing the Gospel go forth in this land in great power. This field is so great that it is like a small world by itself . . . Keep looking up and trusting Him. The fight is hard, but we have a God who holds us in His hands. It is His battle, not our own. We have nothing to fear."



James Gribble

There Definitely Is Life After Retirement!

by Miriam Uphouse

I could probably describe my Africa experience in two words -- different and exciting. Things are different. I think about Sunday. I attended a little church, an African church about three blocks from my house. It's a Grace Brethren Church. It doesn't look like our churches here -- it has a tin roof without any sides just posts, benches which are wooden. A few have backs there towards the front. The language of the church is French, there is also a Sango service and that's very different. But there is a warmth and a worshipful attitude there. People have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and accept Christ as their Savior.

On weekdays my work is different too, it's an exciting type of work, I'm in a support role. I do two major things. One is I work in the office. I'm a secretary for the director of the mission. Dave Dougherty. The office opens at 7:00 in the morning and stays open until 5:00. (We do not work between 1:00 and 3:00 -- that is siesta time all over the city of Bangui. But it's wonderful and I really enjoy that rest in the afternoon.)

I do things like letters, reports, notices, legal papers. My other task is the guest house. We have 14 beds, a large living room, a kitchen where people can prepare their meals and this is my responsibility. We are often full -- in fact the first ten months of 1989 we put up overnight 454 different people. Now some of them stayed more than one night. I can honestly say there were over fourteen hundred beds used during that time. I take reservations, make room assignments, supervise cleaning, laundry and maintenance. Now not all alone, I have an

African helper. One interesting thing is that he and I don't have the same definition of dirt and he doesn't mind a bit if there's some little grey balls under the bed and he can't understand why I should mind it.

The other thing that falls to me and falls to every other missionary is home hospitality. People come thru, this is the capital city. The large airplanes land in Bangui so we have people coming and going all the time. They come down from up country

to do shopping in Bangui and stay in the guest house. I would say that two, three, four times a week I have company for dinner, and I enjoy having the people, it's a pleasure to have them in my home, but it's a different ballgame -- there's no prepared food there no convenience food and can you imagine cooking bacon without paper towels. There are no paper towels or paper napkins available there. I am so thankful for the privilege of being in Africa. It's a wonderful experience -- it is different and exciting.

I had to consider my comfort level, my convenience level and my commitment level and in all those levels I can say it's not hard to leave America with it's comfort and convenience and it's easy when I consider my commitment to the Lord and go to Africa to serve Him. I am completing a two year



Miriam Uphouse has served as a support missionary in Brazil for one year and is finishing out a two year support term in CAR at the present time.



Season's Greetings From Your National WMC Officers

Holly ... tinsel ... Christmas tree ... gifts ... reindeer ... parties ... Christmas -- what exactly is it? Why celebrate it?

Nearly 2000 years ago the angel Gabriel proclaimed, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

A simple birth ... a lovely Savior. A King to the end ... my King, your King was born.

This is Christmas ... hope for all ages. As the angel announced the birth of the Savior to the shepherds -- so as WMC ladies we have been given the privilege and responsibility to "Go into all the World" to share the true meaning of Christmas.

Savior ... King ... manger ... angel ... star ... shepherds. **This is Christmas!**

May your Christmas be filled with the joy and blessedness that the angel proclaimed on that very first Christmas! -- Donna Miller



term which takes me up to July 1990. Psalm 40:10 is the verse that I made my own or claimed as I went to Africa -- "Thy Word have I not hidden in my heart but I have declared it" I feel that's my job -- to declare God's Word. So I have an additional word that I want to add to different and exciting to sum up my feelings about Africa and that is that it's "fulfilling." I feel that I am fulfilling God's will in my life and that I am in turn finding it's a fulfilling experience.

A Clever Meeting Announcement

Note To WMC Circle Leaders

Thanks!! for the ministry you're having with the women of WLGBC this year by serving as a Circle Leader. I'm praying that your meeting will be especially meaningful this month.

Please make this special announcement this Tuesday:

You and a guest are invited to attend the December WMC meeting

A CHRISTMAS TEA IN ENGLAND

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 p.m.

in the Great Hall of the

Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church when the France and Germany/Philippine Circle hostesses set tables in their finest china and silver. Madrigal singers will entertain and Becky Schwan (appointee to England) will share her heart for England, the mission field.

(Leaders . . . PLEASE

STRESS THAT IT'S GUEST NIGHT.)

PLEASE NOTE

Copies of the WMC Revised Constitution will be mailed to those who have purchased WMC Notebooks. If you have not received your copy of the constitution by January 22, please notify the National Literature Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Teeter, 2706 Sharon St., Winona Lake, IN 46590.

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Missionary Art Exhibit Held

by Amy Cline

MISSIONARY

What mental image emerges at the mention of that word? Statesman, linguist, pioneer, preacher, backwoodsman, marshmallow, nut, artist? Artist? . . . Well, why not? That image was reflected brightly on the campus of Grace College during the weeks of October 23 through November 10 as the department of art sponsored an exhibit of the works of 18 different missionary Artists.

It is the Lord who gives diverse gifts to his body, equipping the saints for the work of the ministry. It was uplifting and encouraging to observe the faithful stewardship with which these artists have exercised their gift. Their message to the local church is to make a legitimate opportunity for those gifted in the visual arts to use their talents. And every artist should take seriously his obligation to use his ability for God's glory. A visual message can transcend language barriers and open doors of commonality.

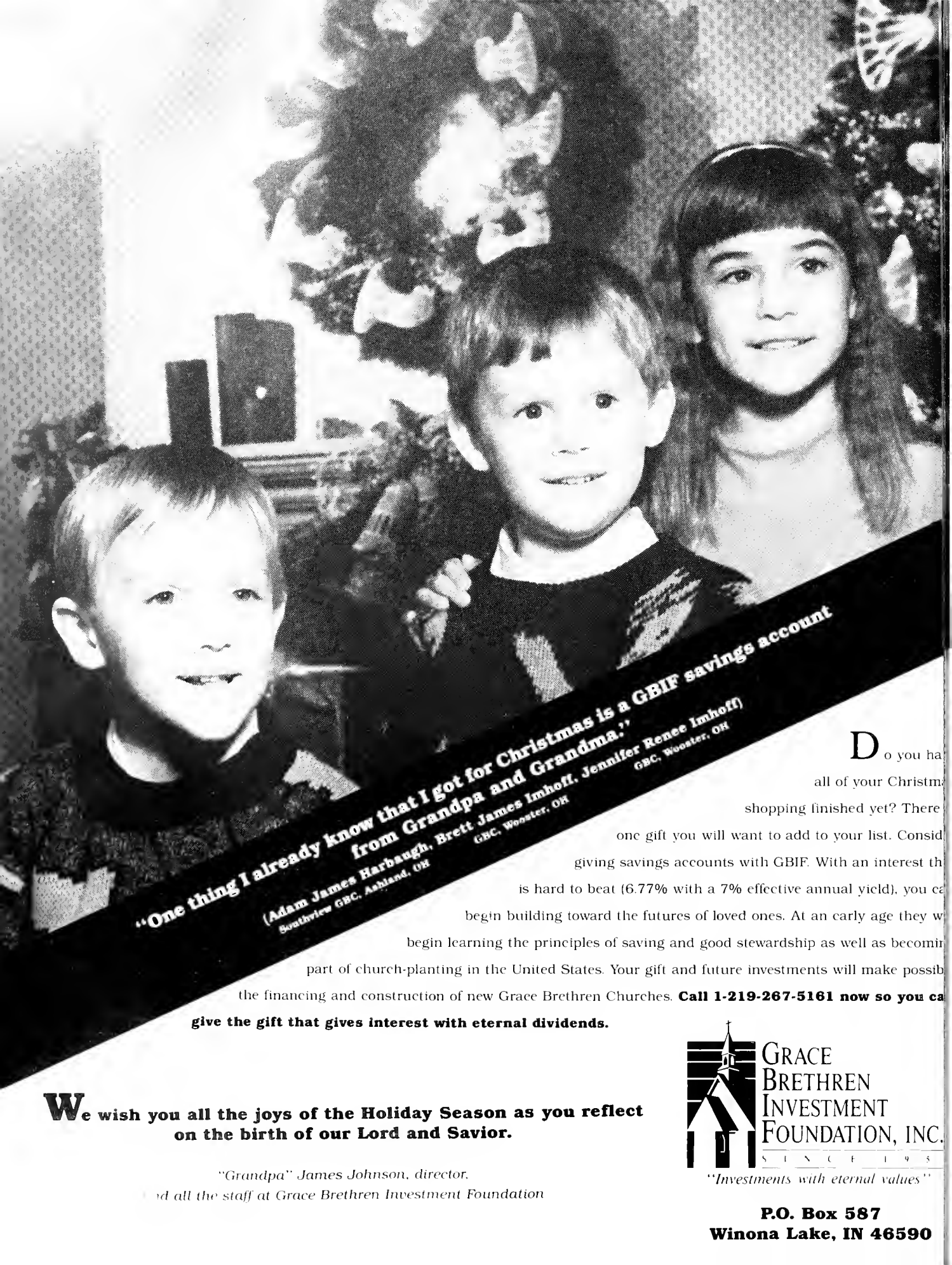
If words fail us, perhaps a picture really can be worth more. Yes, truth and blessing can be communicated even by ARTISTS.

ARTISTS

The following artists exhibited their work. (Our fellowship has other Missionary artists as well. This list is not all inclusive.)

Mabel Hamilton,	China Painting
Deborah Austin,	Oil Painting
David French,	Acrylic Painting and Ceramics
Terry Julien	Oil Painting and Watercolor
Kathy Harrell	Ink
Jane Henning	Watercolor, Sketch, Pencil & Ceramic
Camille Robbins	Wood Carving
Florence Bickel	Oil Painting
Roger Peugh	Photography
Gordon Austin	Photography
Ruth Samarin	Oil Painting
Lita H. Futch	Pencil, Conte
Cecil O'Dell	Photography
Brenda Welling	Acrylic Painting
Cherie J. Lamborn	Watercolor
Norma A. Whitcomb	Oil Painting
Victoria "Tori" Beaver	Ceramic
Philip Gegner	Oil Painting, Pencil Crayon & Calligraphy

Jean L. Coverstone is Chairman of the Grace College Fine Arts Division and Arthur W. Davis is Associate Professor.



"One thing I already know that I got for Christmas is a GBIF savings account from Grandpa and Grandma."
(Adam James Harbaugh, Brett James Imhoff, Jennifer Renee Imhoff)
Southview GBC, Ashland, OH GBC, Wooster, OH GBC, Wooster, OH

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Peace and Faith Prevail . . . in Spite of Cancer!

by Wilma Roberts



Don and Wilma Roberts

Wilma Roberts is a member of Community Grace Brethren Church of Union, Ohio. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at the age of 12.

She and her husband, Don, both grew up on farms near Union and rode the same school bus. They

have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Dr. Heise, their family doctor, was giving a series of lectures on how patients react to life's situations. He asked Wilma to share some her feelings and experiences coping with fear and the problems of the last 15 years.

We trust that *Herald* readers will be inspired by Wilma's response.

Fifteen years ago, my life was busy being a farmer's wife, working on the farm, raising my children, etc. My husband had just said, "You know, I can see that we are finally going to make the farm a success." I remember lying across the bed thinking that I had everything -- love, a healthy family, a Christian home, no problems. This is like Heaven on earth! Then, a strange fear came over me -- could this last? Other people are having all kinds of troubles. Little did I know that within a few weeks I would go into Dr. Heise's office with a few painless swollen lymph glands -- that he would send me to a specialist and I would soon be in the hospital having major surgery. I can still hear the doctor's voice as if it were only yesterday: "Sorry, we have no cure for you. You have Lymphoma, cancer of the Lymphatic system, fourth state, already spread to the liver and bone. You have about a year to live." My reply was, "Doctor, how many stages are there?" His devastating reply was "four". Needless to say, our happy world came crashing down around us. A year to live was such a short time.

Some of the questions I asked were, "Why me. Lord? Are you punishing me for something? Who will raise my children?"

At first it was almost disbelief. This couldn't happen to us. This sort of thing always happens to someone else! Always before if we wanted something we would just put our shoulder to the wheel and work it out. This was different -- a new experience, so final, so helpless. We couldn't work it out. If only the doctor would have just given a little hope, but instead, "no cure."

As I look back now, I am thankful the answer was "no cure." If they had given some hope I would have relied on the doctors. It would have made it harder to totally commit it to God. After much soul searching, prayer, anxiety and fear, I came to the place where I had to cry out: "God, I can't handle this. I can't work it out, it is beyond me. I totally submit this problem to you. Lord, I want to live, please give me more years, but if it is your will to take me, I will accept it. Just be with me and give me the grace to go thru what comes." I cannot begin to tell you the peace and joy that came in the middle of the storm.

The road over the past fifteen years has not been easy. There have been many difficulties and trials. Tumors would appear and disappear. Things would come up and I would feel, "God where are you?"

There was no satisfactory treatment in the United States. The hard decision was made to go to a foreign country for an experimental treatment. There was the frustration of a foreign doctor five thousand miles away, with no one here that understood the treatment. There was the difficulty obtaining my medication thru customs, the delays and occasional rejection. The stress of red tape and dwindling supplies. The language barrier. The added burden of expense, as our insurance did not cover treatment outside the U.S.A.

No voice from heaven shouted, "Make this decision or that decision." But I can look back over the years and see how God opened and closed doors as we sometimes struggled along the way. It is wonderful to look back and see how He worked in ways that we never could have prayed or dreamed about. People, please do not ever underestimate the power of prayer. How humbling it is to again realize that the Almighty, Omnipotent, Omniscient God of the universe did intervene and answer prayer for a little unimportant person like me. I will always be grateful, too, for the many prayers of family and friends on my behalf. If He did it for me, He will surely do it for you!

I did a lot of thinking about life and death. We all have one thing in common, it is appointed unto man once to die (Heb. 9:27). Our life is but a vapor in the space of time, it appeareth only for a little while and then vanisheth away (James 4:14). The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 6:23). Since Adam and Eve, we were all born with a sin nature (Romans 5:12). Sin cannot enter into Heaven, therefore, we are all lost. But, God made a provision for our salvation. He sent Jesus, His only son, to come and give His life to shed His blood (John 3:16). He paid the penalty for your sin and mine. Salvation is a free gift (Romans 6:23). God

didn't create us as robots. He created man in His own image (Genesis 1:26). He gave man a will to accept or reject His plan of salvation. And what will we do with Christ in this fleeting moment of our life? This decision which is ours alone will determine the destiny of our souls. Heaven or Hell, the choice is ours.

Someone may ask, "How did this sudden illness affect your family life?" Along with the normal complexities of life, there were many changes that would have to be made. Responsibilities and work loads would have to shift. One daughter had a natural tendency to help outside, the other inside. I remember the anxiety struggling with this. Will their personalities and lives be damaged because they were not involved in activities in which others participated?

In our society there is the eternal competition to "keep up with the Joneses," or as it is now, to "keep up with the Joneses' kids." As I look back now, I can see that this did not hurt our children, it was a benefit. We became a closer family, we were all interested in each other and what was going on around us in the real world.

Parents, this is your life. Build your marriage together, put each other first, then around your precious children. Your children will soon be grown up and gone. They were given to you, not you for them! The children will also benefit as they grow up and live their own lives, better equipped to build happy, solid, lasting relationships from your example.

Parents, don't be socially pressured into believing that you must give your children every opportunity and everything that comes along. If you do, you will be depriving them of the greatest opportunity -- the opportunity of being a family, doing things together, working toward projects together. Sit down at the evening meal together and share the experiences of the day. It is your God-given responsibility to communicate, to share wisdom and character building qualities with your children.

In so many homes today, children and adults alike are glued to the TV.. or everyone is racing around to attend some activity. There is nothing wrong with TV., activities and sports, but they should be kept in proper perspective.

Once, someone broke into our home and took our TV. We didn't race out to buy one. When we mentioned we needed to get a new TV., to our surprise, the girls said, "Don't get one, we have more fun doing things." So until they were married and left the nest, we didn't replace it.

You are probably thinking that under the circumstances, "I bet those girls were eager to leave the nest." Quite the contrary. We all look back and laugh at how their little heels were almost

smoking as their husbands-to-be had to drag them to the altar. What a joy it was for me to have the privilege to personally raise my children -- to see them find good Christian mates, build their own homes and to even see precious grandchildren.

I have been asked to share my feelings about death. Do I fear it?

When I was younger I would look at anyone over thirty and think, "Well, they are old, they must be ready to die." Now I realize that as a person gets older, life is just as precious. I have so much for which to be thankful, so much to live for. We have been stressed, but blessed.

This past year the disease has become increasingly aggressive. The specialists marvel that I am still here and repeatedly I have been told that it can't last, that the tumors will soon be uncontrollable. The disappointment, the warm tears that quietly trickle down my cheeks when another tumor appears, the glimpse of the Valley of the Shadow of Death, brings fear. Will God give me more time? What will I have to go thru? What will my dear husband and family have to endure?

I feel like Peter walking on the water -- my faith becomes so small, I begin to sink! I try to grasp the truth. The Lord, the God of the universe, is my Shepherd. His grace is sufficient. He is always there. Peace and joy are always only a prayer away, no matter what the problem may be.

As a child of God, I know that passing thru the Valley of the Shadow of Death is not an end, but merely the door into a higher eternity of delight with God. I marvel at the Psalmist when he says, "I will fear no evil." What a wonderful faith. Again and again I remind myself, "Oh God, this seems terribly tough, but I know that in the end it will have been for my good."

How much more time will He give me? Until recently, I have discovered that some of my motives to live were for selfish reasons. "Lord, forgive me. Could you use me along the way to help and encourage others for your glory?"

As I reflect back on the past fifteen years, there have been some dark spots, we all have them. But, oh, what periods of sunlight. I am constantly grateful for the extended life God has given. The treatment, working with periods of remission and energy, has enabled me to pursue a near normal life. Life has been given a fuller, richer meaning. I thank God and praise Him for His answers to prayer, for His guidance. Somehow, at this point, my panic, my fear, my misgivings, give way to calm and quiet confidence in my Shepherd's care.

My favorite verse is Isaiah 26:3, "Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee."

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

NEWS UPDATE

Fort Lauderdale, FL Grace Brethren Church on October 8, 1989 welcomed Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Colburn and 47 of their Senior Saints group to "Fantastic Day" festivities. Pastor Colburn preached the morning message, focusing on his 50 years of loving and following Jesus Christ.

The day was highlighted with 335 in attendance and a picnic lunch on the Fort Lauderdale Grace Brethren Church Gainer Field. (Submitted by Pastor Steve Edmonds.)

The Leon (IA) Brethren Church celebrated their 75th anniversary as a church on October 22, 1989. The weather was perfect -- sunny and pleasant, and the fellowship was terrific. Many attended on Saturday night for fellowship, read letters from the many who sent greetings, and examine pictures.

Over 100 were present for Sunday School, and 140 in the morning service. Rev. John Aeby, Waterloo, IA, was the special speaker for the occasion, followed by a bountiful carry-in dinner. The afternoon service was an old-fashioned Bible conference rally with special musical numbers by members of the church. The evening service was also well attended as Pastor Betz brought the closing challenge of a great weekend.

Tom Abbitt, a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Phoenix, Arizona and formerly a teacher at Grace Christian School in Phoenix, has joined the Grace College student recruitment staff as an admissions counselor. Abbitt is a 1982 graduate of Grace College and a 1989 graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, earning his M.A. in Christian School Administration.



R. Paul Miller has resigned as pastor of the Maitland, FL, Grace Brethren Church. He plans to join the staff of the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA.

The Grace Brethren Church of Kent, WA, held a Walk-Thru-the-Bible Ministries Old Testament seminar on November 18, 1989.

Bob Gentzel was the featured speaker at the Northwest District Men's Retreat held at Clear Lake, Yakima, WA, on November 3 and 4.

DEATHS



ETLING, ADA, 82, November 3, 1989. The memorial service was held at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN, with Charles Ashman in charge of the service.

Mrs. Etling, known to many as "Mom," was born on February 17, 1907, in Akron, OH, to Frank and Lyda Acker Marquis. She spent most of her 82 years faithfully serving the Lord.

In 1930, she married Harold Etling, who was destined to be a national leader in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches as director of the National Sunday School Board, which developed into the present C.E. National. He became

known in the Fellowship as "Mr. Sunday School." They moved to Winona Lake in 1954 where they served the Lord together faithfully until his upward calling into the presence of Jesus, January 3, 1977.

Mrs. Etling was a woman of many talents and accomplishments. Besides being homemaker for Harold and their two daughters, Janet and Lois, she had a great outside-the-home ministry for her Lord. She was a good witness for Him at all times. She was the first woman ever to graduate from Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN, and she had taught in the Akron Bible Institute. She was a beloved member of the congregation where she served so faithfully in the nursery ministry.

ALEXANDER, EDWARD M., 75, November 4, 1989. He was a member of the Hagerstown Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

HOSTETLER, FLORENCE, 86, November 1, 1989. She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA, and was the mother of Dale Hostetler, Yakima, WA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

ICEMAN, FLORENCE, 82, October 2, 1989. She was a long-time member and organist at the Southview Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, OH. Gary Taylor, pastor.

LANDIS, EVA, 88, October 24, 1989. Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

MARRIAGES

REITLER: Peggy Lou Eisenhuth and Roger Allen Reitler were married October 21, 1989 in the West Kintanig Grace Brethren Church. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

VANORSDALE: Stephanie Stevens and Anthony Vanorsdale were married in the Hagerstown Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD, on October 14, 1989. Pastor Larry Humberd officiated.

WEIK: Melissa Schell and Harold Weik were married on June 17, 1989, at the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Timothy George, associate pastor.

WILLIAMSON: Marcie Petrie and Bryan Williamson were united in Christian marriage on July 15, 1989, at the First Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

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LOVELAND, OH: The address for the Grace Brethren Church office is: Box 388, Loveland, OH 45140.

CORRECTION: In the October 1989 Herald it was reported that James Dixon is "temporarily away from his listed address." His post office sent us this information, but it was in error. Our apologies, Mr. Dixon.



LISTIE, PA, Grace Brethren Church recently honored Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beech. Mr. Beech has served the congregation as Sunday School Superintendent for 50 years. He was given a plaque commemorating the occasion and they were the guests of honor at a reception at the Church.



Lakeland Grace Brethren Church Dedication

Saturday, October 7, 1989, was a special day in Lakeland, Florida, as the Grace Brethren Church held its dedication service for its new facility. An inspiring message was given by Rev. Edward A. Jackson, Director of Church Planting and Development for Grace Brethren Home Missions. After the service, a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

The Lakeland Grace Brethren Church had its beginning back in 1979 as a Bible study in Fred Gerber's home. Pastor Jim Taylor came to Lakeland in the spring of 1988 and helped to build the facility. Currently the church boasts 42 members with almost 50 attendance each Sunday. **To God be the glory, great things He has done.** -- Cheryl Underwood.



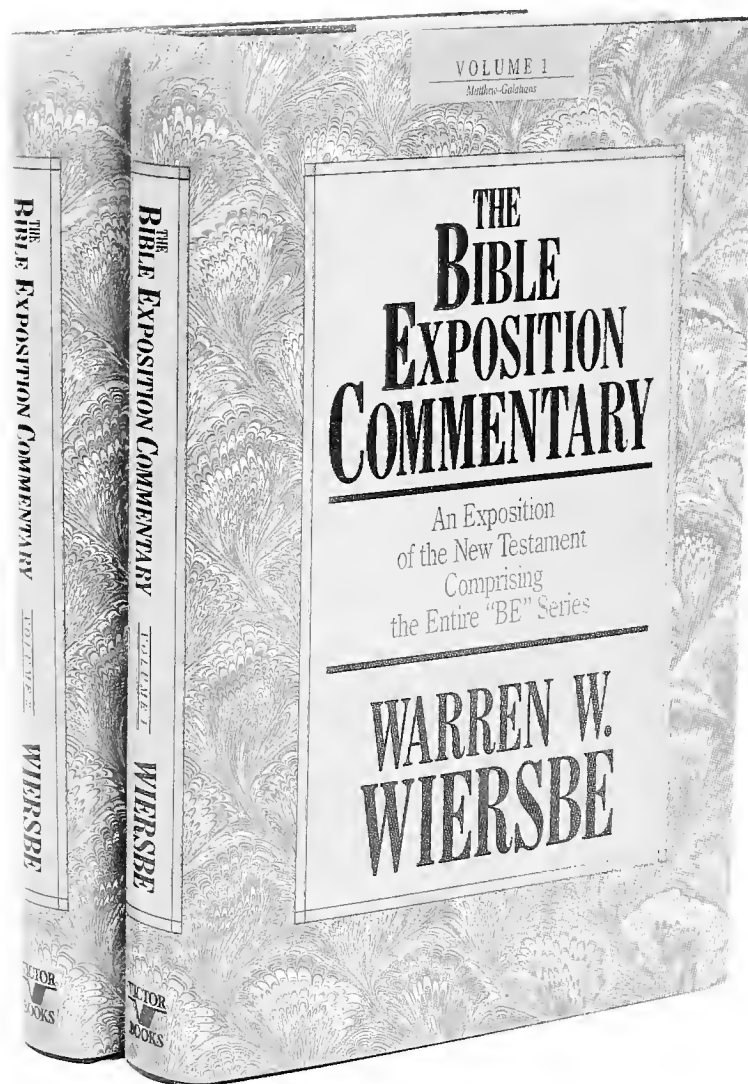
Alumni Rich Dick and Tom Dilling prepare to putt for a birdie.

1989 Grace Lancer Alumni Golf Tourney

The fourth annual Homecoming golf scramble, held at Rozella Ford Golf Club, Warsaw, Indiana, was a great success as 51 golfers enjoyed 75 degree weather, good fellowship, and tough competition. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company provided the prizes again for this year's Florida scramble tourney. For his continuing support of the golf program at Grace, Charles Turner became an honorary member of the golf team.

This year's competition ended with 3 teams carding scores of 64. Darkness forced the winners to be decided by a backup system. First place jackets were awarded current Lancer golfers Bruce Moore, Mark Mattingly, Todd Firestone, and Michael Buehle. Alumnus Jeff Ramsey won a NIV Topical Study Bible for his "closest to the pin" shot, and John Krueger earned the same prize for the longest drive.

The members of the Lancer golf team wish to thank BMH and all who participated.



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